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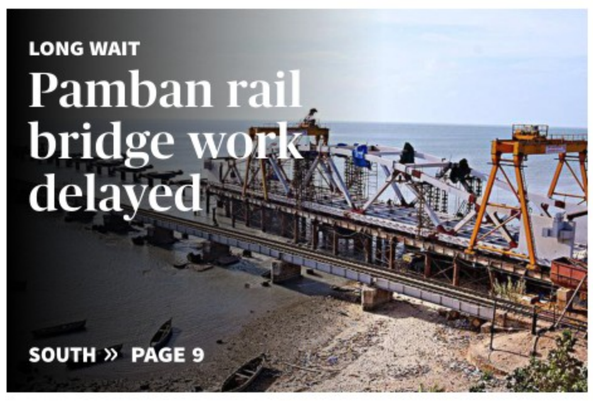

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The Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) completed the inspection of the eagerly awaited Baiyappanahalli-K.R. Pura section (2 km) of Namma Metro on Thursday. » PAGE 5

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Visa service paused amid Canada tussle

MEA says work at missions in Canada hit owing to security threats faced by Indian diplomats, hints at reducing number of Canadian diplomats

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Normal functioning of Indian missions in Canada has been affected because of "security threats" faced by Indian diplomats and they are therefore "temporarily unable" to issue visas, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced here on Thursday.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi also said India would prefer "parity" in posting of diplomats in each other's missions, saying the number of Canadian diplomats in India is expected to be reduced.

He further said New Delhi had not received any evidence from the Trudeau government regarding alleged Indian hand in the killing of Khalistan Tiger Force chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey on June 18.

He urged Canada to uphold the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations by ensuring safety of Indian diplomats.

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Freeze mode: The deserted emigration counters at the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi on Thursday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Wanted Khalistan operative killed

Sukhdool Singh, wanted by the NIA for his links with Khalistani terrorists, was killed by two unidentified persons in Canada's Winnipeg on Wednesday. The Lawrence Bishnoi gang has allegedly claimed responsibility for the killing. » PAGE 14

RS clears women's Bill unanimously

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha passed the women's reservation Bill unanimously on Thursday with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that the unanimity will instil confidence among the public.

The Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill, or the *Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam*, and its six clauses were passed with all 214 members present in the Upper House voting in favour of them.

"A historic achievement," said Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar after passage of the Bill. The members welcomed the announcement of the passage of the Bill by thumping on the desks.

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Celebration time: BJP MP Krishan Pal Gurjar celebrating with visitors at the Parliament House, in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

SC not to intervene in water release order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to intervene either in favour of Karnataka or Tamil Nadu in the Cauvery water dispute, instead it banked on the combined expertise of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) and the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) to manage the water sharing between the two neighbouring States.

The CWRC had earlier directed Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs a day to Tamil Nadu.

A three-judge Bench headed by Justice B.R. Gavai said the CWMA and the CWRC, both represented by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, were regularly meeting every 15 days to review the water flow with due regard to the distress faced by both the States. The Bench, also comprising Justices P.S. Narasimha and P.K. Mishra, expressed satisfaction that CWRC and the CWMA had considered all the factors, especially the drought situation, before fixing the water release by Karnataka at the rate of 5,000 cusecs a day.

The court said the factors considered by the CWRC and the CWMA were neither irrelevant nor extraneous.

Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and G. Umapathy, for Tamil Nadu, said the CWRC had initially decided that the State required 7,200 cusecs of water from Karnataka, but had abruptly, in its final order, reduced the quantum to 5,000 cusecs.

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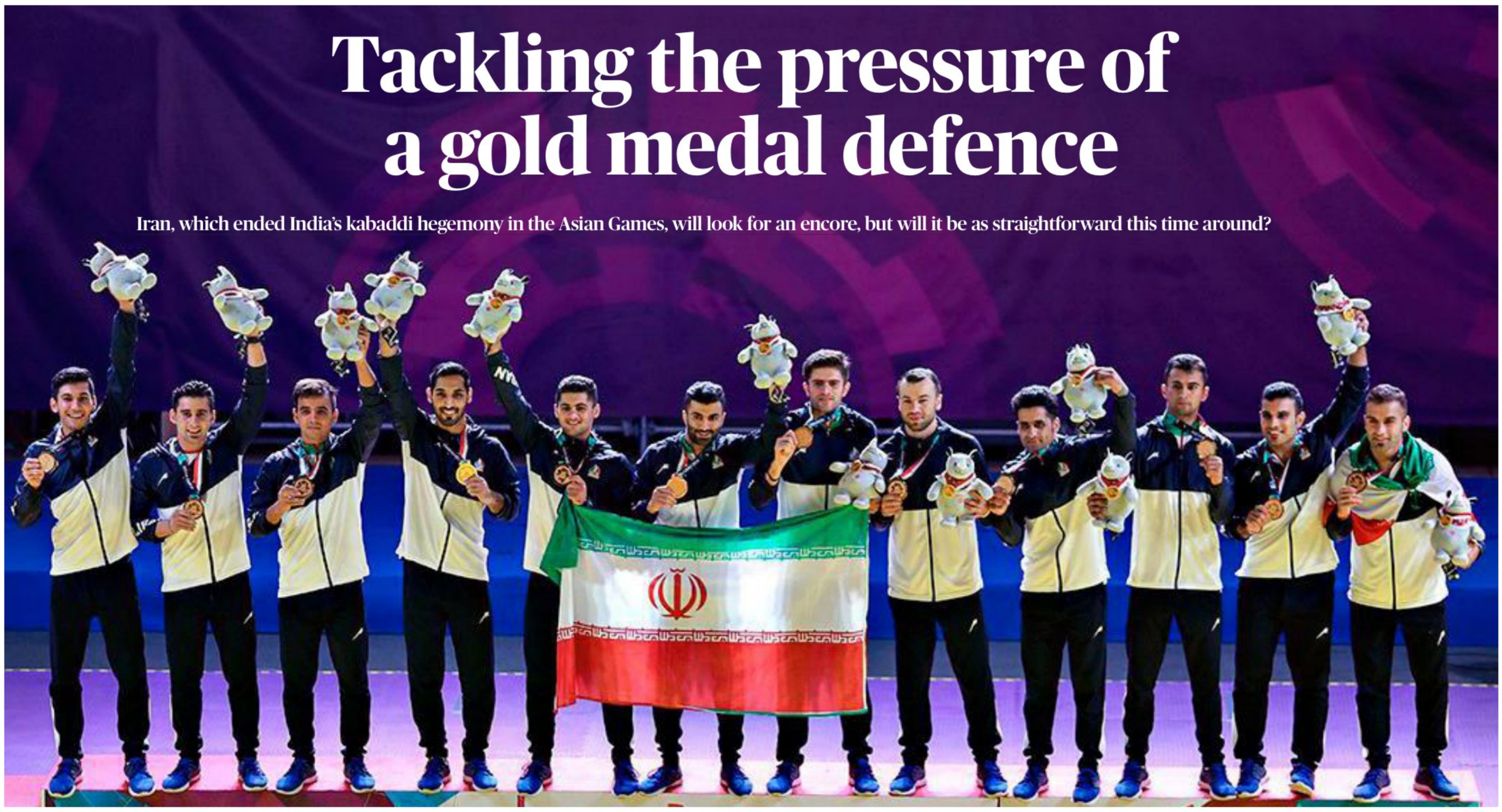
Tackling the pressure of a gold medal defence

Iran, which ended India's kabaddi hegemony in the Asian Games, will look for an encore, but will it be as straightforward this time around?



Lavanya Lakshmi Narayanan

Ask die-hard Indian kabaddi fans about the events of August 23, 2018, and there will be collective amnesia. India, a gold medallist at the Asian Games since the sport's induction, fell to a stunning 18-27 loss to archrival Iran in the semifinal in Jakarta. The players were shell-shocked; the Indian fans, whose boisterous cheers reverberated through the Garuda Hall in the Indonesian capital until about the 30-minute mark, had tears in their eyes.

Ajay Thakur, the Indian skipper, had a cut on his right eyebrow from a tackle earlier in the game. Once the final whistle blew, one could see him on the bench with his teammates and coaches convincing him to come away, but he just sat there, almost numb, with the blood stains on his shirt drying up as the minutes passed. In the days to come, the squad, no matter its legacy, would be torn apart. After seven consecutive golds, the honours board and the podium top step was cleared for Iran.

The Asian Games is here once more and Indian kabaddi is waiting for revenge, a five-year itch that's shaped the skills and sensibilities of a whole new generation of players. But is Iran still the same bogey team?

Playing catch up

The image of that Indian squad sulking on the dais with the bronze medal reinforced the nation's faith and reliance on its basics. India's domestic kabaddi structure is second to none. Public sector undertakings, arms of the military and states make up a busy calendar at the age group and senior levels. What sets India apart is also a flourishing franchise set up, with the ProKabaddi League (PKL) heading into its 10th edition this year. PKL has been an attractive financial and competitive option for some of the best kabaddi players from other countries, including the Iranians.

So much so, blame was also pinned on the league after the defeat in the 2018 Asian Games for opening up the Indian set-up and blunting the dagger. The Indian hand in Iran's rise in kabaddi goes beyond the PKL.

"Our success in the Asian Games and that gold medal is all thanks to the PKL because the tournament gave us more exposure and experience. Ashan Kumar [India's current head coach] was our coach before and helped us believe that we could do well in major competitions. We have played with the best talent from Iran and India," Iran defender Abozar Mohajermighani (*in pic*), one of the architects of India's fall, told *The Hindu*.

Unlike India, Iran does not have the system to back the talent that is challenging hegemonies at the world level.

"Iran has only one league and it goes on for just two or three months. After that, if any tournament happens for the national team, we have a camp. Otherwise, we end up waiting for the next league. Iran players always do something else – be it football or bodybuilding," Abozar explained.

"In kabaddi, fitness is important as you have contact all the time. If you're not fit, after one attack, you'll get injured. Frankly, I know that India's skills are far superior when compared to Iran's. So fitness is one way for us to even the scales at a level like this," said Iran head coach Gholamreza Mazandarani.

Gholamreza is a tough taskmaster but an innovative one. His drills for the boys this time around have involved uphill treks and swims in the Caspian Sea alongside creative games during endurance and resistance training. Travelling to different terrains also comes with bonfires and barbecues where the squad bonds by cooking meals, dining and cleaning up. The idea is to allow the players to find a rhythm off the mat, too.

"Our practice is a little different from what India does. I think the Indian coaching gig is a lot easier than our job here in Iran. In India, I am sure players only need some strategy and tactical advice. But for the rest of us, we need to work on everything – fitness, skills and temperament. Every day, a chunk of our time goes in analysis, looking at the players' strengths and weaknesses, where they might fall short against their opponents and how they can improve," Gholamreza explained.

Iran had an opportunity to give its talent pool a dress rehearsal of the demands of the Asian Games at the Asian kabaddi championships in Busan. Gholamreza took a young squad without seniors like Fazel Atrachali and Mohammad Esmaeil Nabibakhsh, much like what the side did in the Dubai kabaddi masters before the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games. When Fazel was missing even from visuals coming from the camp, doubts emerged about whether Iran was looking past the tactical genius of the 31-year-old.

"I don't focus on the name. Name, experience and legacy doesn't matter. I only look at the present and what they are capable of doing now. For me, only the number on their backs matter. Some coaches tend to back bigger names. I don't think like that. For me, age or other factors don't matter, talent does," said Gholamreza about the squad he has picked. Fazel and Nabibakhsh are the only ones from the 2018 edition who will enter the mat in China.

While India beat Iran to win the gold in the Asian championship, the matches were too close for comfort. Those gaps hurt the Iranians more than the Indians as they believe the margins boil down to India having more match experience.

"The national team needs more tournaments. In 15 years, we should have won 15 medals. That's something that needs to be made available for players to be better on the mat," Abozar underlined.

"See the gap between international competitions in kabaddi... after eight years, there's one Asian championship. After 10 years, one World Cup comes along. India doesn't know the pain because competitions are there, but other countries struggle a lot. I think we should have fixed windows for the Asian championship, World Cup and other potential international events," Gholamreza said.

The Iranian once pitched a radical idea to E. Prasad Rao, PKL's technical director, a few franchise owners and Deoraj Chaturvedi, former president of the International Kabaddi Federation, to boost the health of world kabaddi.

"I told them that we should make an Asian League. Give stronger countries more representation but allow countries to get involved. Get clubs to come in. This will help popularise the sport and bolster our efforts to get it recognised for the Olympics," he explained.

The immediate goal, though, is to retain the Asian bragging rights. It takes something special to bring down a 28-year-old chokehold over a sport, but the task of defending that crown will require the Iranians to play out of their skins. "I think it's hard for both teams – there's pressure on Iran to repeat its feat and there's pressure on India to reclaim its crown. There's no room for mistakes," Gholamreza said.

THE GIST

- Iran men's kabaddi at the Asian Games
- 2018 - Gold (beat India)
- 2014 - Silver (lost to India)
- 2010 - Silver (lost to India)
- 2006 - Bronze (lost to Bangladesh)
- Kabaddi will be held from October 2 to 7 at the Xiaoshan Guali Sports Centre

Atanu and Dhiraj have the potential to become champions: Tarundeep

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's only Asian Games individual medallist in recurve section, Tarundeep Rai, feels at least one from the men's archery team could win a medal in the Hangzhou edition and end a 13-year-long drought in the continental showpiece.

Rai indicated that fellow Army colleague Dhiraj Bommadevara and Atanu Das *(in pic)*, the senior-most in the recurve team, stand a chance to become an individual champion.

"I've a feeling that the Indian men recurve archers will do better in individual events this time. More than the team event, we have a better chance in the individual categories," he said.

In his first full competitive season as a senior, the 22-year-old Dhiraj has won one silver and three bronze medals, including one in the individual section that earned him a spot in the World Cup Final.

Impressive show

He was impressive there as he shocked two-time Olympic gold medallist Kim Woo-jin of Korea before ending a creditable fourth. "Dhiraj has shown he's hungry for success. To win four World Cup medals in his first full World Cup season is not easy," said Tarundeep, who has seen Dhiraj's rise since he joined the Army Sports Institute, Pune, five years back.

"He trains with us, he's very obedient, gives 100%. Mentally and physically, he's a very strong athlete. The improvement he has shown in three-four years is huge and makes him a potential medallist not only at the Asian Games but at the Olympics too," he said.

On Atanu, Tarundeep said: "He's the most seasoned guy but every competition brings a new challenge, you have to be a learner, it's important to stay focused."

Not making the cut

The 39-year-old, who figured in his maiden Olympics in Athens 2004, failed to make the cut for the Asian Games, despite qualifying for the first three stages of the World Cup.

It would have been Tarundeep's fourth successive Asian Games appearance. He is now targeting a comeback in the Paris Olympics next year, for which India is yet to secure a quota.

India is slated to have a trial for the Olympics after the Asian Games next month.

"It's a personal setback, but it's also a learning curve for me. Everyone is saying we don't have an Olympic medal, so that's the bigger goal.

"Winning an Asian Games medal excites me no more. I already have two medals from the Games – 2006 (team bronze) and 2010 (individual silver). Now the only thing everyone wants is an Olympic medal. I've not given up yet, want to bow out on a high."

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Speeding, negligence, and jumping signal key reasons for accidents at junctions on Hosur Road

In the last three years, 25 major accidents were reported at Konappana Agrahara junction on Hosur Road that has both entry and exit points to NICE Road and the road connecting Electronics City

ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A slight commotion prevailed at NICE Road intersection in Konappana Agrahara Junction on Hosur Main Road on Thursday morning when a Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus hit a car. The car was turning left to enter NICE Road when the accident occurred. The traffic police manning the junction said that it is a usual scene every day.

While minor accidents may not go into the records as complaints are not filed, the Bengaluru police's data shows that in the last three years, 25 major accidents were reported at this junction that has both entry and exit points to NICE and road connecting to Electronics City, an IT hub. In the case of Thursday's accident, both the BMTC and car drivers were seemingly at fault for rash and negligent driving. About 500 metres on both sides of the stretch from the junction has been identified as an accident black spot by the Bengaluru City Police, who have also suggested measures to avoid such incidents.

Overspeeding is a major reason for fatal accidents during the night at Veerasandra Junction. SHREYAS H.S.

The cause for minor accidents (no injuries) that happen every day on this stretch is speeding, negligence, signal jumping, lack of lane discipline and uneven road, said the police.

A traffic police personnel who man the junction said during morning and evening peak hours, negligence is a major cause. People turning towards Electronics City on Hosur Road cross jump signals, ramming vehicles travelling straight on the stretch. "We record more than a dozen violations just in an hour during peak time," he said, adding that measures taken may not yield much result if discipline is lacking in motorists.

Lakshmi Patel, who runs a shop here and travels daily on her two-wheeler, said the at the junction - both near the signal and NICE intersection - some vehicles moving on the extreme right cross from right-to-left to move over to NICE Road, which is a major cause for accidents. A senior traffic police personnel said while negligence causes accidents during peak hours, speeding is major reason for fatal and major accidents during the night not just in this junction, but also at Naganathapura junction, Veerasandra junction, Electronics City Phase 1 and Garebhavipalya junction.

In the night hours, owing to less traffic, drivers tend to go fast. The drivers in the wee hours doze off, ending up in fatal accidents.

On the other hand, some callous individuals enter this road for joy rides and usually speed, the police said.

At the junction where three roads join, many vehicles criss-cross in the night hours jumping the signals. The speeding vehicles coming on Hosur road ram into these vehicles crossing at the junction, they said. At the junction, driver of speeding vehicles cannot control the vehicles and to avoid this, rumble strips should be installed, they added.

Besides these, in the absence of pedestrian crossing at Veerasandra junction, vehicles moving fast on this stretch hit the people crossing the road. The volume of vehicles moving at this junction is such that pedestrians have to wait for long before crossing. Out of frustration, people tend to run at the junction, said Mohammad Sawad, who is regular commuter here.

Hosur Road

Black spots identified on the stretch

Naganathapura junction, Konappana Agrahara, Veerasandra junction, Electronics City Phase 1, Garvebhavipalya junction, NICE Road intersection

Accident data between 2020 and 2022

Black spots	No. of accidents				No. of fatal accidents				No. of grievous injuries			
Year	2020	2021	2022	Total	2020	2021	2022	Total	2020	2021	2022	Total
Naganathapura junction	8	7	4	19	6	2	1	9	2	5	3	10
Konappana Agrahara	14	8	7	29	2	1	1	4	12	7	6	25
Veerasandra junction	6	12	4	22	3	5	2	10	3	7	2	12
Electronics City Phase 1	5	6	4	11	3	0	2	5	2	6	2	10
Garvebhavipalya junction	5	7	4	16	0	3	2	5	5	4	2	11

Interventions suggested

Rumble strips before and after signals
- Naganathapura junction
- Konappana Agrahara
- Electronics City Phase 1
- Garvebhavipalya junction

Pedestrian crossing
- Veerasandra junction
- NICE Road intersection

- Speed limit
- Ban on parking, and halting

Man booked for forcing female friend to convert

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hebbagodi police have registered an FIR against a 33-year-old IT company employee for allegedly forcing his female friend to convert on the pretext of marriage.

The accused, identified as Murif Ashraf Baig, a native of Srinagar and working in the city, promised court marriage, had a relationship with her and even borrowed a huge amount of money before trying to convert her, said the police.

The police said the accused started harassing the victim, who also worked in a tech firm in the city. When she objected, he began to threaten her with dire consequences. Unable to bear the harassment, the victim approached Bellandur police on September 8 through social media and sought help.

12-year-old boy killed as wall collapses in residential school

The spot where Koushik Gowda (right) was killed at Morarji Desai Residential School, Gollahalli, in Bidadi town on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 12-year-old Class 6 boy was killed and his classmate sustained multiple fractures when the wall of a water tank collapsed on them on the premises of a residential school on Thursday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Koushik Gowda, a resident of Hosuru Gollahalli. The injured Charan, 13, was admitted to the hospital.

They were students of Morarji Desai Residential School, Gollahalli in Bidadi town, where over 240 students study. According to the police, the incident occurred around 8.30 a.m. when the duo, after having breakfast, went to the tank to wash their plates. The cement cover of the water tank collapsed and the duo was buried under the debris. The other students and staff, hearing the sound, rushed to their help and rescued them before taking them to the hospital, where doctors declared Koushik as brought-dead. The police said the water tank was in a dilapidated condition and had been neglected by the management.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case of unnatural death.

DG&IGP directs police personnel to adhere to speed limit on highways

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an effort to enforce discipline and bring down the number of accidents, especially on highways, Alok Mohan, Director-General and Inspector-General of Police, has directed police personnel to strictly adhere to speed limit for all types of vehicles when they travel on highways. The circular was issued on Tuesday following a few instances where police vehicles moving on highways were found exceeding the speed limit.

KEA enables registration portal for PGNEET

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has enabled the online registration portal for PGNEET to facilitate candidates seeking admission for postgraduate medical courses.

S. Ramya, Executive Director of KEA, stated in a press release on Thursday that this has been facilitated in view of the lowering of the qualifying criteria for PG courses (Medical) to zero across all categories by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

According to the release, PG medical candidates including in-service who are eligible due to lowering of qualifying percentile can register, submit the application online and pay the fees from 10 a.m. on September 22 to 24 to become eligible to participate in the second round seat allotment for the available PG medical seats along with other eligible candidates.

The PG medical candidates who were eligible earlier but did not register can also register and complete the application process.

The newly registered PG medical candidates need to appear on September 25 and 26 for verification.

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All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Site No.17,** Assessment No.8/1, Khatha No.8/1, Situated at **Nagashetty Halli Village, Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North Taluk,** Now comes under the Limits BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring **1800 Sq.feet** and bounded on:

East by : Road, West by : Site No-2, North by : Site No.16 South by : Site No.18

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

IN THE COURT OF 11th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-08)
P & SC No. 502 of 2023

BETWEEN: 1. Lucy D' Souza, W/o Late D' souza, S M A, aged about 62 years, **2. Daisy D' Souza**, D/o Late D'souza S M A, aged about 37 years, **3. Richard D' Souza,** S/o Late D' souza, S M A aged about 29 years, All are residing at, No.5 Jose Esperance, North Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore - 560 084. ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Petitioners have instituted the above petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking for grant of a certificate of succession under the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in favour of the Petitioner No. 1 herein, with respect movable property (morefully described as schedule property) which was held by her husband, late D'Souza S M A. The public at large are hereby notified by way of this notice that if any person(s) have any objections in granting the certificate of succession are hereby called to appear before this Court, in person or through a pleader on **25/10/2023** at **11:00 A.M** to answer the same, failing which the certificate of succession will be granted to the Petitioner No. 1 above-named.

SCHEDULE

Name: D' Souza SMA, **A/c No.** 40698869705, **Nature of A/c:** Savings Bank Account, **Bank and Branch:** State Bank of India, Victoria Road Branch, Door No. 26, Akshaya Complex, Bengaluru, **Amount available (Rs.)** 20,72,627/-

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 11/09/2023

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Address for Service
Mr. MANU KULKARNI
POOVAYYA & Co.
Advocates & Solicitors
The Estate, Level Four, No. 121, Dickenson Road, Bengaluru-560042.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr.Boopathi S/o.Raju** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr.Kumar C.M S/o.Muniyappa;** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof **on or before 28.09.2023** with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Portion of vacant Site bearing No.09 and 12, PID No. 150200400100521215, formed out of Converted Sy No.85/6, measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South 32 Feet in all measuring 800 Square Feet, Situated at Margondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli ,Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore and bounded on the;

East by- Remaining Portion of Site No.9, West By- Remaining Portion of Site No.12, North by- Private Property, South By- Road

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 9108784843

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr.Niwas Raj S/o.Kameshwar Kumar Singh** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr. Veerabadraiah S/o.Late.Channappa;** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site No.3, Katha No.863/823/3, formed out of Sy No.116, situated at Marenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on the;

East by- Site No.2, West By- Site No.4, North by- Private Property, South By- Road

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the property shown in the Schedule below from **Sri.H.ANRAJ JAIN,** S/o Late Hasthimal, **Smt.A.MANJU**,W/o Sri.H.Anraj Jain, and **Smt.ANITHA,** W/o late Rajesh Kumar, R/at Flat No.006, Brindavan Mansion, No:100, Main, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore-560019,. The above-named persons have represented that they are the joint and absolute owners of the Schedule Property. Any person/s, institution/s having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and above said persons is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and/or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Residential Property bearing Old No.144, New Municipal **No.40,** having PID No.51-69-40, Situated at Reservior Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore- 560004 Measuring East to West: 33 feet and North to South: 47feet, totally measuring **1551** Square Feet and bounded on the:

East by: 4 Feet wide passage connecting to 5 Feet wide common passage leading to Reservoir Road and thereafter house property of Thanda Rayappa and Papamma

West by: House property bearing municipal No: 41/1,

North by: 3 Feet wide passage and House bearing No:136,

South by: Conservancy

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Notice Inviting Bid

Bid/ Package no.- **NH/Gumla/EPC/01/2023-24** Dated-**18.09.2023**

RFP for**Construction of Balance Work of Bypass around Gumla town connecting NH-78 & NH-23(R-G) in the State of Jharkhand (km 0.00 to km 12.842)on EPC mode.(Job No.-078&023-JHR-2013-14-229).**The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways through **Chief Engineer, National Highway Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi** is engaged in the development of National Highways and as part of this endeavor, it has been decided to undertake **Construction of Balance Work of Bypass around Gumla town connecting NH-78 & NH-23(R-G) in the State of Jharkhand (km 0.00 to km 12.842)on EPC mode.(Job No.-078&023-JHR-2013-14-229).**through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract. [The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways/ ~~National Highways Authority of India~~ / StatePublicWorksDepartment/~~BorderRoadOrganisation~~representedbyitsDG(RD)&SS / ~~Chairman~~ / CE (NH) PWD State ~~/ DGBR~~] now invites bids from eligible contractors for the following project:

State	NH No.	ICB No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Rs. Cr.)	Completion Period	Maintenance period
Jharkhand	23 & 78		**Construction of Balance Work of Bypass around Gumla town connecting NH-78 & NH-23(R-G) in the State of Jharkhand (km 0.00 to km 12.842) on EPC mode. (Job No.-078&023-JHR-2013-14-229)**	15.32 (Excluding GST and based on SOR rate of 2013-14 w.e.f. 01.04.2013)	12 (Twelve Months)	05 (Five years) after Completion

The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from official portal of theCPPP website https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/appfrom 21.09.2023 to 03.11.2023(up to 15:00 Hrs. IST). Bidder must submit its financial bid and Technical Bid at https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/appon or before 03.11.2023 (up to15:00 Hrs.). Bids received online shall be opened on06.11.2023. (at 15:00 hours IST).

Bid through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Security as form E-Bank Guarantee/ Insurance surety Bond, Receipt of document fee, Power of Attorney and Joint Bidding Agreement etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before03.11.2023 (at 15:00 hoursIST), Please note that the Ministry/Authority/ Executing Agency reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reasonwhatsoever.

Tender document fee of **Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten thousand only)** shall be remitted through "BHARATHKOSH" portal towards payment of cost of Bid document [PAO (NH), Kolkata code No. 034756 and DDO Code No. 202122 Purpose: Sale of Tender Documents.] through online payment only. The **GST of Rs. 1800/-** (Rs. One Thousand Eight hundred only) applicable on the sale of tender document shall be submitted in the form of Demand Draft favoring "Regional Pay & Accounts Officer (NH), MORTH, Kolkata", payable at Kolkata.

Executive Engineer
National Highway Division, Gumla
Phone No. 8789523476
Email id: eenhgumlajhr@gmail.com

PR 307290 Road(23-24)#D

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in General that my Client i.e. **SMT. RAMYA PRABHAKAR,** W/o. Sri. Prabhakar. S, aged about 37 years, R/at No.433/D, Red Tree Grand G1, 7th B Main Road, 9Th Cross, Narayananagar, 3rd Block, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore – 560062, is intent to purchase the **Site No. 532 (Five Hundred and Thirty Two), BBMP Katha No. 532/532,** in the Layout formed by the **Bank Officers and Officials House Building co-operative Society Limited, at DODDAKALLASANDRA II STAGE, II BLOCK,** consisting of Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Layout Plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, Property coming under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East – 30 Feet, West – 42 Feet, North – 40 Feet , South – 40 Feet, totally measuring 1440 Square Feet, the descriptions of the property hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property"** from one **Smt. Meena. J, Sri. Rudresh. J and Sri. Rithish. J.**

This is inform to the Public that, if any person/s having any claim, objections, or interest over the Schedule Property shall be send their objections /claims to the below mentioned address within 05 days along with all their necessary documents, otherwise my client would be complete the Deed of Sale transaction with Smt. U. Ranjani in respect of the Schedule Property. If any objections/ claims would come after 05 days from the date of this public notice cannot be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE property bearing **Site No. 532 (Five Hundred and Thirty Two), BBMP Katha No. 532/532,** in the Layout formed by the **Bank Officers and Officials House Building co-operative Society Limited, at DODDAKALLASANDRA II STAGE, II BLOCK,** consisting of Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Layout Plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, Property coming under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, **measuring East – 30 Feet, West – 42 Feet, North – 40 Feet , South – 40 Feet, totally measuring 1440 Square Feet** and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No. 529, North by : Site No. 533 and South by : Road.

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Lurking blood pressure poses a huge health risk in India

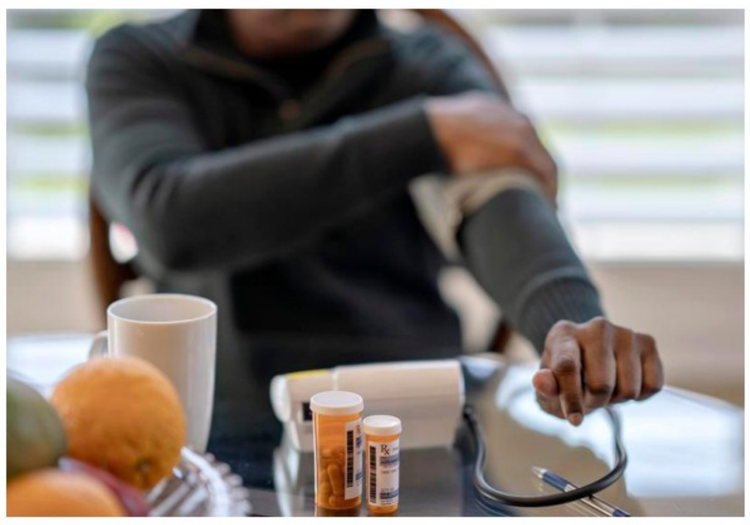
Insights from WHO's report on hypertension and recent research highlight a considerable need for improvement in managing hypertension as a public problem in India

Vijay Shankar Balakrishnan

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is often called the "silent killer" because it often goes unnoticed until it triggers severe health complications such as strokes, heart attacks, kidney damage, and heart failure. According to medical standards, the reading on a doctor's BP monitor going above 140/90 accounts for hypertension. The World Health Organization (WHO) released its first-ever report on the global impact of hypertension this Tuesday, highlighting the devastating consequences of this widespread, yet often neglected condition.

The WHO report reveals that hypertension affects one in three adults worldwide, making it a significant global health concern. It is a condition that knows no boundaries, affecting people across age groups and geographical regions. The number of people living with hypertension has doubled from 650 million in 1990 to a staggering 1.3 billion in 2019, with nearly half of these unaware of their condition.

According to the WHO report, nearly four out of five people with hypertension are inadequately treated. Scaling up coverage could avert 76 million deaths between 2023 and 2050. The report reveals a doubling of hypertension cases from 1990 to 2019, with over three-quarters of affected adults in low- and middle-income countries."Diagnosing and treating hypertension is the simplest and most basic care even a nurse could give in the absence of a doctor at a primary health facility, there is no excuse for any country failing to scale up," said Bente Mikkelsen, Director of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO, in an online press conference on Tuesday.



Adherence to medication schedule is an important factor in controlling hypertension. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

India's BP performance

Recent research on hypertension in India paints a similar picture. A recent systematic review published in *The Lancet Regional Health, Southeast Asia* and a community study published in *Cureus* highlights the growing prevalence of hypertension in the country, particularly among younger adults and those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. The research papers emphasise that a significant portion of hypertensive individuals in India remain undiagnosed. Lack of awareness about the condition and limited access to healthcare services are critical factors.

The review examined how well hypertension is managed in India from 2001 to 2020. They found that only about 22.5% of people with high blood pressure had it under control in the most recent period from 2016 to 2020. The Cureus study showed that the number of people with high blood pressure in India increased from 20.4% to 22.8%, especially among those aged 15-49. While more cases are being found through screening, many people (around 58%) with high blood pressure do not know they have it, especially men, those with less education and money, tribal communities, and people living in rural areas. Even when people know they have high blood pressure, six out of ten do not start treatment, so there is a need for interventions to change their health-seeking behaviour.

"The WHO report accurately reflects on hypertension as a public health problem, a significant issue in India," said Saurav Basu, Assistant Professor, Public Health Foundation of India, and author of the Cureus study. Through their extensive community surveys, such as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) surveys, researchers such as Dr. Basu have also found what WHO has reported."We know that many people in India with high blood pressure don't know they have it, and even when they do, they often don't receive proper treatment, leading to poorly managed high blood pressure," he added.

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Lifestyle matters

The WHO report underscores the role of modifiable risk factors in hypertension. Unhealthy lifestyle choices, such as a high-salt diet, lack of physical activity, and excessive alcohol consumption, increase hypertension risk. This echoes the findings of the Indian research, which also highlights the impact of lifestyle factors on hypertension prevalence. Sedentary lifestyles, poor dietary choices, and high stress levels contribute to the rising incidence of hypertension in India. The treatment gaps identified in the WHO report and the Indian studies have dire consequences, as uncontrolled hypertension can lead to life-threatening conditions. The WHO report emphasises the importance of lifestyle changes in lowering blood pressure, such as adopting a healthier diet, quitting tobacco, and increasing physical activity. It also highlights the role of affordable, widely available medications in effectively managing hypertension.

"There have been studies several years ago that showed that the average blood pressures across countries were tightly linked to the salt intake," said Tom Frieden, CEO of Resolve To Save Lives, a US-based NGO advocating cardiovascular disease prevention. "What we now see in some countries is that as the food gets unhealthier, we also see a big increase in the rate of hypertension - so what we need here is not just access to care but also promotion of healthier lifestyle to curb NCDs," he said during the press briefing.

Way forward for India

The Indian research papers complement these perspectives by stressing the need for improved hypertension control strategies. They reveal that despite awareness of their hypertension diagnosis, a significant portion of patients in India do not initiate treatment. This indicates challenges in treatment-seeking behaviour and need for educational and behavioural interventions. Despite a significant four-fold improvement in control rates over two decades, the rising prevalence of hypertension, especially among the poor and young adults, necessitates reevaluating national strategies. According to the WHO report, regional disparities are evident among different countries. However, WHO and Dr Frieden believe India does well.

"The government of India follows WHO's guidelines in remarkably expanding heart care programs throughout the country among the health and wellness centres under community control," Dr Frieden said. However, the Cureus study identifies regional disparities within India. Southern States such as Kerala and Tamil Nadu show better control han the western and north/northeastern - States in India.

Medication adherence is crucia. However, issues like forgetfulness in the elderly to take medication, availability, and affordability pose barriers. Limited research exists on lifestyle and risk factors, with social determinants such as education and caste playing a role. This calls for better data collection and evidence-based policies to address uncontrolled hypertension in India.

"Managing cases of high blood pressure that don't respond well to treatment, especially when doctors hesitate to take action in primary care settings, is also a problem," Dr Basu said.."Additionally, ensuring that people take their medications over the long term and close monitoring of complications related to high blood pressure, especially in those with diabetes, are major challenges in India." Consequently, the National Programme for Noncommunicable Diseases aims to provide proper care for 70 million people with high blood pressure in India, and its work amid the WHO report release is crucial, according to Dr Basu.

The economic aspect of hypertension management is a vital focus area of the WHO report. It underscores that prevention, early detection, and effective management of hypertension are among the most cost-effective interventions."The economic benefits of improved hypertension treatment programmes far outweigh the costs," said Dr. Mikkelsen. This is a crucial point for India, where healthcare accessibility and affordability are significant concerns for people experiencing poverty.

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Unreasonable academic pressure is being blamed for ovarian cysts. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

PCOS: hidden toll of academic pressure on adolescent girls

Christianez Ratna Kiruba

Research confirms that adolescents raised in environments conducive to healthy choices have a lower risk of developing PCOS

In September, amid PCOS awareness month, a concerning reality emerges: academic pressure may unknowingly contribute to a silent health crisis among young girls. It starts in classrooms but often leads to gynaecologists' offices, where ultrasound scans reveal ovarian cysts, resulting in a diagnosis of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS).

As a doctor who had recently graduated, I found myself in such an office, confronting this condition, rooted in a high-stress, self-care-deprived lifestyle imposed by my demanding environment. Alongside recommendations for lifestyle changes—like a high-protein diet, daily exercise, and stress reduction—I was told, that my health issue stemmed from my less-than-ideal lifestyle during 15 of my 28 years, enforced by relentless academic pressure.

This narrative echoes through countless young women's lives in India, raising a pivotal question: Is our competitive education shaping a generation prone to PCOS?

Let's explore the intricate link between education, lifestyle, and health in India—a matter of great significance.

Increasingly common

Various studies and reports, including those by *The Hindu*, reveal PCOS as an increasingly common health issue among modern Indian women. One in five women in India grapples with PCOS, with 60% of those seeking infertility treatments doing so due to PCOS-related problems. Gynaecologists nationwide concur that this condition is on the rise.

PCOS lacks a single known cause. It affects individuals with a genetic predisposition, often marked by a family history of diabetes or obesity, exposed to environments that encourage neither a healthy diet nor regular exercise and are stress-laden.

Research confirms that adolescents raised in environments conducive to healthy choices have a lower risk of developing PCOS. Unfortunately, such environments are scarce, especially for students in the Indian context.

Physical education classes, where they exist, are typically once a week for a mere 30-45 minutes, a trend that has worsened, as revealed by the 2022 India Report Card team. This falls far short of the WHO's recommendations for adolescent physical exercise, suggesting at least 60 minutes of aerobic activity and strength training three times a week.

Srijana, a student from Guwahati, reflects: "Throughout my schooling, PE classes were often borrowed by a math/science teacher to finish the syllabus. Now, in twelfth grade, I shuttle from tuition to school to home, leaving no time for exercise."

Mohammad Aslam Ali, a medical professional, adds insight, "The narrative is that non-academic activities are a waste of time. With parents enrolling children in tuition and coaching classes, sometimes from kindergarten, there's little time or motivation for physical activity. Many women only start exercising when health scares or infertility emerge."

Experts in neuroscience, however, emphasise that fostering physical activity must start in childhood; those neglecting exercise in youth find it hard to initiate later when health issues arise.

The highly competitive education system not only makes normal expectations for physical activity unattainable but also subjects adolescents to extreme stress. Studies establish a clear link between stress and PCOS and in Indian adolescents, the most common cause of stress is academic.

Dr Aslam points out, "Academic stress can be productive if channelled effectively, but education on coping skills and emotion regulation is overlooked in India. Most Indian schools lack mental health professionals to assist students with stress."

Unrealistic expectations

Indian parents often lack tools to teach healthy resilience, becoming pressure points by imposing unrealistic academic performance expectations.

Stress-induced hormonal changes alter body composition, predisposing young women to PCOS.

PCOS is now the most prevalent endocrine disorder among young Indian women, impacting their lives from diabetes, obesity, and heart disease to mental health challenges like depression and anxiety. It also leaves them grappling with fertility issues and cosmetic concerns, including increased body hair, facial hair, and scalp hair loss.

While education and ambition empower women, we must not neglect health. The growing prevalence of PCOS urges us to consider how our societal narratives affect our children's future health and well-being.

Encouraging exercise is vital, as is ensuring children have time for it. A robust and universal physical education syllabus which focuses on accessibility is paramount. Parents disentangling themselves from the prestige or status narrative of academic success and understanding that various routes to success exist that do not involve academic excellence is a crucial way to relieve some pressure on the students. Including mental health and stress management skills in the curriculum is not only a necessity but also a responsibility.

Keep in mind that women facing health challenges will face several obstacles to achieving success in life.

(Dr. Christianez Ratna Kiruba is a 29-year-old Internal Medicine doctor with a passion for writing and patient rights advocacy. christianezdennis@gmail.com)

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BIG SHOT

A Nipah patient at the Government Medical College Hospital in Kozhikode on Saturday. Three of four Nipah outbreaks in Kerala have been in Kozhikode district.K RAGHESH

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

India's rank in the economic freedom index of 165 nations

87 India has fallen one notch to the 87th position out of 165 countries. The 'Economic Freedom of the World: 2021 Annual Report' by Canada's Fraser Institute has been released in India. PTI

The UN peacekeepers who were asked to leave Congo

17,000 The President of Congo said that the world's second-largest UN peacekeeping force failed to confront the conflicts in eastern Congo. AP

The U.S. applications for unemployment benefits in September

2 lakh. U.S. applications for unemployment benefits fell to their lowest level in eight months last week. Jobless claim applications are seen as representative of the number of layoffs in a given week. AP

Funding announced by the U.S. to make at-home COVID tests

600 in $ million. The administration has announced funding for new at-home COVID-19 tests, and is restarting a website which allows citizens to order up to four tests per household. AP

The number of deer to die at the Biological Park in Bengaluru

16 Thirty-seven deer were shifted from St. John's Hospital to the Biological Park last month. Out of them, 16 deer died due to abdominal disease and internecine fights. PTI

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Tracking India's growth trajectory

With inflationary pressures, a falling rupee, fluctuations in tax revenue streams and an apprehensive outlook on the agriculture sector in Q1 FY24, India's reported growth narrative may be overembellished

ECONOMIC NOTES

Anand Srinivasan
Sashwath Swaminathan

The conventional way to assess a country's economic situation is to look at the quarterly (three-month) and annual (12-month) GDP (gross-domestic-product) growth rate and compare it to previous quarters as well as years. In the quarterly release of GDP figures by the NSO (National Statistical Office), the country's performance is likened to reviewing a report card of its economic performance. However, a critical difference between reviewing a report card and India's economic figures is that the latter tells a far more nuanced story.

The Q1 data covering the GDP growth rate from April to June of FY24 boasts a nominal growth rate of 8% and a real growth rate of 7.8%. The growth story currently posits that the numbers reflect an uptick in the agriculture sector growing at 3.5%, unlikely to be sustained due to pressure from the El Niño phenomenon, and the services industry, with financial, real estate and professional services growing at 12.2%. Moreover, there is also talk of sustaining a close to 6.5% growth rate for the current financial year. However, a closer look at the numbers provides a far more interesting interpretation of the growth.

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Calculating GDP

The first factor to consider is that calculating the GDP growth rate involves many complex statistical choices and sophisticated statistical operations. One such decision the NSO made while conducting their research was to use the income approach of calculating GDP rather than the expenditure approach. The income approach involves summing up all national incomes from the factors of production and accounting for other elements such as taxes, depreciation, and net foreign factor income. The assumption generally is that both methods lead to similar results.

However, the expenditure approach dictates headline growth to be 4.5% rather than 7.8% which is a large discrepancy. Moreover, another essential statistical operation is the adjusting for inflation using the price deflator. Typically, the deflator is meant to adjust growth figures when they are overstated by inflation. In this case, deflation due to falling commodity prices, reflected in the wholesale price index, has worked to overstate the real growth. Furthermore, there is a base effect from the COVID-19 degrowth period, which continues to plague India's growth figures. Although less pronounced in FY24, the base effect has a role in comparative statistics due to sporadic growth in the years following FY20-21.

Additionally, one must consider whether the proposed, supposedly cooled, inflation rate calculated through the consumer price index can be sustained at current levels with the impending depreciation of the Indian rupee against the dollar due to capital outflow pressures resulting from the RBI's reluctance to raise interest rates. India is a net importer, and its most significant import consists of crude petroleum, whose price seems to be rising due to Saudi's $100 per barrel push and rupee depreciation. The domestic consumption of diesel, a proxy for economic activity in India, fell by 3% in August, which, if sustained, does not paint a rosy growth picture for the coming quarters.

Revenue from taxes

Moreover, the government's tax revenue from direct taxes has weakened over the previous quarter while the indirect tax revenue remained strong, indicating a K-shaped pattern. The income streams from progressive taxation (more significant tax burden on those higher on the income ladder) seem to be a laggard compared to its regressive counterpart. A muted growth of direct tax collected in an economy boosted by the services industry is a statistical discrepancy which remains unexplained in the proposed GDP growth story. Direct and personal taxes should (in the absence of any significant policy changes) have grown closer to the nominal growth rate than it has currently. Narrowing revenue streams indicate forced austerity measures, as the government intends to control the budget deficit, and hence the interest rate. Therefore, growth in FY24 stemming from government expenditure seems to be a pipe dream.

A nuanced approach

In conclusion, after a meticulous analysis of India's Q1 FY24 economic transcript, it becomes palpable that the reported growth narrative might be somewhat overembellished. The divergence in growth figures brought forth by the income and expenditure approaches manifest a significant disparity, raising fundamental questions about the veracity of the promulgated optimistic narrative. Moreover, the underpinnings of this growth story, nuanced by inflationary adjustments and conspicuous fluctuations in tax revenue streams, signal a cautious trajectory. Additionally, the apprehensive outlook on the agriculture sector and potential fiscal constraints paint an arguably more restrained picture than initially portrayed. Therefore, it seems prudent to assert that India's economic performance, although showing signs of resilience, does not quite emerge as the unequivocal success story depicted in initial observations, urging a more nuanced and critical approach in assessing the trajectory ahead.

Anand Srinivasan is a consultant and Sashwath Swaminathan is a research assistant at Aionion Investment Services

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How will Biden impeachment hearings impact elections?

Why have the Republicans moved forward with their plan? What are the allegations against Hunter Biden, the President's son? Did the impeachment of Donald Trump play a role?

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:

Republican lawmakers, who have majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives, have moved forward with their plan to impeach Democratic President Joe Biden over unproven corruption allegations linked to the President's son, businessman Hunter Biden. The move is seen as an attempt by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to score political points at the start of the election campaign cycle.

What is the political context?

The most significant factor that might have driven Republicans to seek the impeachment of Mr. Biden is the fact that his predecessor, Republican Donald Trump, was impeached twice. Mr. Trump was first impeached in 2019-20 over allegations of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress linked to his attempted coercion of the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy into conducting a criminal investigation of Hunter Biden. Mr. Trump's second impeachment, which happened in early 2021, stemmed from the serious charge of "incitement of insurrection" linked to his role in encouraging the January 6 attack on the U.S. Congress buildings. Now, Mr. McCarthy hopes to balance the score by chalking up an impeachment against Mr. Biden, perhaps in the hope of dampening voter support for Democrats next year and gaining political capital in a house that has not always offered Mr. McCarthy its robust support. If the Republicans succeed in the House, Mr. Biden would be the fifth President in U.S. history to be impeached, following Andrew Johnson in 1868, Richard Nixon in 1974, Bill Clinton in 1998 and more recently, Mr. Trump.

What are the charges against Biden?

Most of the allegations that the inquiry in the House will look into relate to the business dealings of Hunter Biden, including questions of whether Mr. Biden, as Vice-President during the two terms of former President Barack Obama, benefited from those dealings.

First, the inquiry will consider an August memorandum of the House Oversight Committee, which claimed that Mr. Biden, his family members and their business partners were paid more than $20 million by "foreign sources" from China, Kazakhstan, Romania, Russia and Ukraine. However, even the Chair of the Committee, Republican James Comer, later admitted that an extensive examination of bank records and other evidence did not yield any evidence suggesting that these payments or any benefit resulting therefrom went directly to Mr. Biden.

Second, House Republicans will seek to examine whether the Biden name was peddled as a "brand" in seeking to influence business decisions to the favour of the 46th President. Although a former business partner of Hunter Biden, Devon Archer, claimed that the senior Mr. Biden joined multiple phone conversations with business associates of Hunter Biden, a report from the Congressional Integrity Project, a Democrat-aligned watchdog group, said that "Mr. Archer's testimony failed to produce a shred of evidence of any conflict of interest."

Third, the House will in all likelihood take up several points of inquiry into allegations of impropriety in Hunter Biden's business dealings, with implications for his father's conduct. These include claims that Mr. Biden sought to pay off prosecutors to end an inquiry into Burisma, a Ukrainian energy firm on whose Board Hunter Biden had a seat. These claims, based on an "unverified FBI tip", never resulted in evidence being unearthed in support.

What are the political implications?

Mr. McCarthy's plan to move forward with the impeachment plan could, as he no doubt hopes it will, bolster the ranks of his supporters by pandering to the demands the Freedom Caucus, a hardline pro-Trump grouping in the House that did not easily back Mr. McCarthy's January 2023 bid to be the Speaker. But beyond this limited gain, Republicans face the risk of a voter blowback in the November 2024 election, as Democrats will likely link the failure to convict Mr. Biden, if at all he is impeached, to Republican partisanship and deference to the political agenda of Mr. Trump.

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Sd/-
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RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, CHIKMAGALUR.

Tender Notice No.: 13/2023-24/ Dtd.: 16.09.2023

Notice Inviting Tender

Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur invites Tender through KPPP portal related to 18 works of Tarikere Taluk of Chikkamagaluru District. Min. Amount is Rs. 88.05 lakhs and Max. Amount is Rs. 204.29 lakhs. Details regarding undertaking or having implemented work as per Standard Tender Document-KW 3 & 4 should be attached. Contract can be awarded to contractors only if they have the minimum qualifications as mentioned in Act 1. Tender for works should be submitted through e-procurement from 16.09.2023 to 03.10.2023 up to 5.00 PM. Tender will be opened on 04.10.2023 at 5.30 PM. In case this day is a holiday the next day will be considered. Notification can be read on www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notice No.: 06/2023-24 Date: 16.09.2023

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 43 works through e-proc coming under sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru District Public Works Department. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 0.64 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 251.00 lakhs. For Tender to be submitted through e-proc for 43 works (on 30.09.2023 for 2 works, on 25.09.2023 for 3 works and on 27.09.2023 for 38 works) tender should be submitted within 4.30 PM. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

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I, JAYAMMA, W/o Hiremath A.G, R/a No.274, 9th Main, 1st B Cross, Near Crazy Park, 5th stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560098 have changed my name to Jayamma Hiremath vide affidavit dt: 21.09.2023 sworn before Notary C.V.Earappa, B'lore

I, Vyshali Daughter of Vijaya Kumar Voora Wife of Sai Praveen O S, R/o: 003, Sai Krupa Gardens, Munireddy Layout, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560048, holding Indian passport No M0372429 issued at 30/07/2014 valid up to 29/07/2024, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows.(I) I have changed my name from Vyshali to Vyshali Voora. I shall use this new name for all purposes in the future.(II) That it is my true statement.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHAYAPATHI M, R/a No.25, Kanakapura Main, Near BWSSB Inspection Bungalow, Tataguni, Bangalore-560063 have changed my minor Son name from Anirudh C to Rishik Vishesh C vide affidavit dt: 21.09.2023 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, B'lore

I, MAHENDRA, S/o Nagaraju, R/at No.52, 5th Cross, Ashrama Road, Yelachenahalli Near Metro Station, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name from Mahendra to Mahendra N vide affidavit dated 21-09-2023 before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
[ORIGINAL JURISDICTION]
IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LATE SRI ANISINGARAJU VENUGOPAL, DECEASED TESTATE
PROBATE CIVIL PETITION NO. 20 OF 2023

BETWEEN:
1. SMT. ANISINGARAJU VENKATA RAMANAMMA Wife of late Sri. Anisingaraju Venugopal Aged 78 years Residing at Plot No: 17 G-62; 3rd Main Near KSRTC Layout Park, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560 061. **...Petitioner No.1**
2. SRI. VIJAKUMAR ANISINGARAJU Son of late Sri. Anisingaraju Venugopal Aged 59 years Residing at 79 Everbrook Crescent SW Calgary, Alberta T2Y OL7 Canada. Represented by GPA Holder Smt. Anisingaraju Venkata Ramanamma **...Petitioner No.2**
3. SMT. PADMA MALYALA Daughter of late Sri. Anisingaraju Venugopal, Aged 56 years, Residing at 1 Patridge Lane, Burlington MA 01803 USA Represented by GPA Holder Smt. Anisingaraju Venkata Ramanamma **...Petitioner No.3**
4. SMT. VEENA VANKAMAMIDI Daughter of late Sri. Anisingaraju Venugopal Aged 48 years, Residing at 2700 Rio Mesa Dr. Austin, Texas 78732 USA Represented by GPA Holder Smt. Anisingaraju Venkata Ramanamma **...Petitioner No.4**
AND: NIL **...Respondent**

Whereas Petitioners above named have made an Application under section 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of Letters of Administration of a Will annexed to the Petition said to have been executed by deceased Sri. Anisingaraju Venugopal, at Uttarahalli, Bangalore in respect of the properties described in the Schedule annexed:

Be it known that no Caveat has been entered and that the said Petition is posted for hearing on the **06/10/2023** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Letters of Administration.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 7th day of September 2023.

By order of the Hon'ble Court,
Assistant Registrar,
High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore
Advocate for Petitioners:
Ms. Sharada Reddy & Mr. Pratik Pany
4601-02 High Point IV, 6th Floor, 45 Palace Road, Bangalore-560 001.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. No. 25204/2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B. **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Shiekh Imran **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Shiekh Imran
S/o. Shameem,
Aged about 32 years,
No.6, 1st Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore- 560 094

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.4,04,566/- (Rupees Four Lakh Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **27/10/2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **12/09/2023.**

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. No. 26809/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B. **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri D. Mastan **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. D Mastan,
S/o Sri. Dudekula Meera,
Aged about 37 years,
No.3, 2nd Floor, No.203, Venkatadri Nilaya, Pruthvi, Channasandra, Bangalore Urban, Bengaluru- 560 066

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.9,76,261/ Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble **57th** Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **27/10/2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this**12/09/2023**

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. No. 26787/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim Khaleer Ulla Khan **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim Khaleer Ulla Khan,
S/o. Mr. Shafiulla Khan,
Aged about 38 years,
No.784, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, RK Hedge Nagar, Dr. SRK Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 077

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 8,62,459/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Nine Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 27/10/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this12/09/2023

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LX ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-61)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 2488 OF 2021

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
a body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007. And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560068
And represented by its POA Holder and collection Manager Mr. Pramodh G. S/o Gurumallappa, Age : 45 Years **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri Sachin Kocharekar **...Defendant**

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To, Defendant :
Sri Sachin Kocharekar
aged about 31 years, Son of Chandrakanth, R/at. 1249, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross 17th Main BTM Layout, 4th Stage, Near RTO Office, 2nd Block Bangalore- 560076

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 and 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs. 6,83,693/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three Only)** as on together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. formdate of due to till the date of realization. You are summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on **03.10.2023** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the Suti will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of Court this **01** day of **September, 2023**

By the order of the court
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No. 4(10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 25615/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B. **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Pratap R. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Pratap R.
S/o Mr. Rangaswamaiah Doddasomanahalli Ramanna,
Aged about 32 years,
R/at No.102, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Mahadeshwaranagar, Herohalli KSTRC Layout, Handrahalli, Bangalore Vishwaneedam, Bangalore- 560 091

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 10,72,257/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **13/10/2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **12.09.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. NO. 25683/2022
Hg. 27/10/2023

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa B **...Plaintiff**
And
Mrs. T. Prasanna Laxmi **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mrs. T. Prasanna Laxmi,
D/o. Mr. Satyanarayana Thimmapuram, Aged about 38 years, R/at No.15/A, Swathantra Nagar Main Road, Ayyappa Nagar, KR Puram, Near Sri Sai Child Clinic, Bangalore- 560 035

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.6,06,152/- (Rupees Six Lakh Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH- 58)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **27/10/2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **12/09/2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE LV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-56)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 2214 OF 2020

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
a body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007. And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560068
And represented by its POA Holder and collection Manager Mr. Pramodh G S/o Gurumallappa, Age: 44 Years **...PLAINTIFF**
AND:
Sri Mohan Kumar **...DEFENDANT**

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant:
Sri Mohan Kumar
aged about 40 years,
Son of Gurumoorty,
R/at. 119, Saisadana Residency 4th Main 3rd Cross, Railwaymene Layout, Ullal upanagara, Behind Mangalore Pvt Collage, Bangalore-560056

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 and 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs.8,70,293/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Seventy Thousand Two Hundred And Ninty Three Only) as on together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on **12/10/2023** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and de heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 11th day of September, 2023.

By the order of the court
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Adocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHEMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No.4(10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. No. 25214/2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B. **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri Vinod Kumar A. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri Vinod Kumar A.
S/o. Arjun,
Aged about 33 years, No. 25/1, P & T Drivers Colony, Ayothid Asnagar, DJ Halli, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 045

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 2,65,131/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty One Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 27/10/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this12/09/2023

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

IN THE COURT OF THE XVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-12)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 8240 OF 2017

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
a body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007. And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C Wing, Mittal Tower, MG Road, Bangalore-560001
And represented by its POA Holder and collection Manager Mr. Vishal Shukla S/o Vijay Kumar Shukla, Age: 42 Years **...PLAINTIFF**
AND:
Mr Vijaya Kumar **...DEFENDANT**

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publiction

To,
Defendant:
Mr Vijay Kumar
Aged About 48 Years
S/o Ramachandran,
At. MPS LTD., HMG Ambassador Building Residency Road, Bangalore-500025
Also at- 2-264C Sakthivel Nagar, Ward No. 234, Zuzuvadi Post Krishnagiri T.N-635109

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 and 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.4,76,593/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three Only)** as on together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on **03/10/2023** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and de heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 29th day of August, 2023.

By the order of the court
Assistant Registrar
& City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Ayocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHEMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No. 4(10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

A screengrab from the trailer of *Good Night*.

The reluctance of Tamil cinema to explore niche and varied romances

The term 'niche' is often relegated to only a doomed romance or a well-fought-for relationship between two starkly different characters. Seldom have creators, in the last few years, explored the crevices that divide two people who carry billions of dreams and desires

Bhuvanesh Chandar

Greta Lee's Nora turns her back to Teo Yoo's Hae Sung and to a life she could no longer even daydream, and walks back to John Magaro's Arthur, a life she was gifted with. The rain outside as I watched the scene might just be the tears of all star-crossed souls. And hours after watching *Past Lives*, a romantic could only sigh at the cinematic wonder and whisper, "How could something seem so effortless?" Back home, meanwhile, a believer in Tamil cinema raises a suspicion, of what seems like a growing distrust in exploring niche conflicts in a relationship, with creators opting for a more mainstream approach to silver screen affairs.

The death of old-school romance

With creators struggling to understand the sensibilities of Gen Z audiences who are quick to conclude any old-school displays of emotions, like love, as 'cringe-worthy,' the long-gone but still dampening fatigue for old-school romance has evidently affected the way creators look at relationship dramas and love stories. It is as if they no longer see value in exploring the vastness that is a human's affair with another. While we have seen many love stories this year that sometimes teased a niche conflict such as in *Dada, Good Night*, and segments of *Modern Love:Chennai,* it becomes apparent that even though good love stories are in regular supply, there has been no mainstream attempt to evaluate if there's an audience for a *Normal People*-like series, even on streaming platforms.

Often, 'niche' is relegated to only a doomed romance or a well-fought-for relationship between two starkly different characters, but seldom in the last few years have creators tapped into the crevices that divide two people, of eight billion, who carry billions of dreams and desires that make them.

So when a character like Anu from *Good Night* tugs at your heartstrings simply by holding back her tears on seeing her husband lose himself over something she has no control over, it comes as a breath of fresh air. *Good Night* majorly resists the urge to let the unusual situation – that of a man suffering from sleep apnea – take the spotlight by disguising itself as a romance drama. The unusual conflict becomes a tool, a necessary one, to explore something personal but also universal.

Sometimes a writer brings in something stunningly nuanced but in a film that lacks the gravitas or has no intent of doing anything niche about it. *Dada* is one such film; for all that it got right, it seems to have strangely decided that perhaps its two lead characters didn't need the 'interruption' of their child, until the climax, to tell their story. In a film like *Peranbu*, which isn't about a romantic relationship, or for an older example, *Kannathil Muthamittaal*, the child becomes both the avenue and the bridge to two souls while also retaining their own inherent value in the story – whether it was the experience of being an adopted child or a child on the spectrum.

On the other hand, films like *Theera Kadhal, Adiyae* or *Oh My Kadavule* are restrained rightfully by their genres. But *Farhana* is memorable not just for its thriller story, but more for how a difficult conversation between a married, conservative Muslim couple is written and staged.

Thiagarajan Kumararaja's *Ninaivo Oru Paravai* in *Modern: Love Chennai*, which is about a heartbroken woman's attempt to piece together memories for the ex-lover with partial memory loss, is an exception to a lot that we have spoken about as it doesn't succumb to the pressures of its genre or the assumed social norms of what is considered acceptable. A recent example of a film that touched upon something real but baffling to imagine is *Thalaikoothal*, in which a son's refusal to let his comatose father be euthanised creates a growing wedge in his marriage. This father-son story is constructed within the physical and metaphysical walls of a family, lending itself to a fascinating scenario.

All kinds of love

In *Super Deluxe,* through Shilpa and Jothi, we are torn between feeling proud of a transwoman coming out to her family and a cishet woman who has to deal with a precarious situation.

Queerness is still considered a nascent topic for mainstream cinema, and it seems like it might take decades to see a love story of, say, a pansexual non-monogamous non-binary person. Regardless of sexuality and gender, explorations of the sociological and psychological complexities and stories that delve into the taboos of the changing world are still few and far between in general.

Also, how wonderful was it to just see creators write an elderly couple, like in the case of *OK Kanmani, Power Paandi*, and *Pannaiyarum Padminiyum? Sillu Karupatti* took it up a notch by telling a story about finding love with silvered hair.

And what a fresh breath of air was *Thiruchitrambalam* – not many films have said it so well as has *Thiruchitrambalam* which shows that friendship and romance aren't poles on a spectrum.

In the present time, when human flaws are looked at more closely and toxicity in relationships gets spotlighted on social media, attempts like *Kaatru Veliyidai* make much more sense from the market point of view as well. Shorts from *Modern Love: Chennai*, like *Imaigal, Margazhi* and *Lalagunda Bommaigal* reiterate that even familiar stories can evolve and become something different thanks to changing sensibilities of creators and audiences.

A popular idea can change over time and become a niche for a different generation or vice-versa.

The need for niche romance

Conversely, 'mass' romance has been doing well; films that just want to tell a simple and good love story that can easily connect with the audiences, like *Nitham Oru Vaanam, Sita Ramam, 96, Dada* or *Love Today* are still going strong. But Bharathiraja's humble tribute to Balu Mahendra in the *Paravaikoottil Vaazhum Maangal* segment of *Modern Love: Chennai* is a reminder that perhaps Tamil cinema's falling out of love with niche relationship dramas has the best of reasons that one can find in the pre-2010s.

But falling out of love is also a part of love.

The growing discussions on the plurality of the human experience, and Tamil cinema's golden history, should have aided more experiments. And relationships can be more than just an element of masala or a reason to churn out boy-meets-girl-will-they-won't-they dramas. While most creators do not want to make a film for only a specific set of audiences, the definition of what's niche and the feasibility of working on such keeps changing and hence necessitates a few trial-and-error attempts. Without such trials, in this ever-changing world of cinema, this spat with romance will continue.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On September 22, 1999, the popular show *The West Wing*, created by Aaron Sorkin, debuted on American television. Here is a quiz on the award-winning show

Abhinaya. K

QUESTION 1
A key piece of document that shines a light on the inner workings of the Presidency is said to have been one of Aaron Sorkin's inspiration for creating the series. What was the document?

QUESTION 2
In the iconic episode, Game On, during a debate, a character breaks down why some issues are too complex and need more than ten-word sound bite answers. Identify the character.

QUESTION 3
Identify the fictional West Asian country that was referenced in the show.

QUESTION 4
Known for its groundbreaking directorial style, the show popularised the style where two characters deliver dialogues while walking through a frenzied office. What is this style called?

QUESTION 5
A fundraising email from Joe Biden's campaign in 2019 referenced a character from the show. Actor Richard Schiff played the character. Name the character.

QUESTION 6
On the show, Evelyn Baker Lang took charge as the first _____ with an innovative idea of Josh Lyman and a compromise.

Visual question:
The West Wing is among the shows with the most Emmy nominations. How many wins does the show have? REUTERS

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: Name the scientists who discovered Alzheimer's disease. **Ans: Alois Alzheimer, Emil Kraepelin**
2. The meaning of the phrase 'protein misfolding disease'. **Ans: It is a class of diseases in which certain proteins become structurally abnormal, and thereby disrupt the function of cells, tissues and organs of the body.**
3. This is a disorder of the central nervous system that affects both the motor system and non-motor systems. This American boxer was diagnosed with this disease. **Ans: Parkinson's disease; Muhammad Ali**
4. This is an incurable neurodegenerative disease that is mostly inherited. **Ans: Huntington's disease**
5. One particular hypothesis proposes that these groups of proteins are the primary causative factors of Alzheimer's. **Ans: Tau proteins**
6. The first three seasons of this TV show featured the titular character's struggle to keep her mother's Alzheimer's a secret. **Ans: Grey's Anatomy**
Visual: Identify the technique. **Ans: PET scan**
Early Birds: K.N. Viswanathan| Rashi Rahul| Jahnavi Taak

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr. K. Balamurugan, Thanjavur, wants to know the difference between 'empty' and 'vacant'."

"A vacant house is a house that is not occupied.

There are no vacant houses in this street.

'Vacant' is applied to 'that which is temporarily unoccupied'.

There is no vacancy in this office as all positions have been filled.

'Empty' means 'with nothing or no one in it'.

This is an empty box. You can take it.

Occasionally someone asks for some 'empty paper'! It should be 'blank' paper. 'Blank' is applied 'to surface free from any marks'.

He is staring at the blank wall.

When used figuratively, 'empty' means 'meaningless, insincere, unreal'.

He makes empty promises.

'Vacant' is used to mean 'showing lack of interest or active or serious thought'.

He has a vacant look.

I am afraid he has a vacant mind."

"Sir, Mr. R. N. R. Chowdary wants to know the meaning of 'aphorism'."

" 'Aphorism' is a brief saying embodying a general truth.

Speech is silver, silence is golden.

The 'a' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'ant', 'ph' is pronounced 'f', 'o' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'India', 's' is pronounced 'z' and 'i' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'tin'."

"Sir, what's the difference between 'aphorism' and 'epigram'."

"An aphorism is a short, pithy saying. An epigram is a pithy, clever and witty saying. It can also be a short piece of verse. Oscar Wilde, noted for his epigrams, said: 'The best way of overcoming a temptation is to yield to it'.

Here is a witty verse:

Sir, I admit your general rule
That every poet is a fool.
But you yourself may serve to show it
That every fool is not a poet.

Here is another which gives a definition of 'epigram'.

The diamond's virtues well might grace
The epigram, and both excel
In brilliancy in smallest space,
And power to cut as well."

"Sir, is it correct to say 'The breakfast is ready'."

"No article is used before the names of regular meals. That is, breakfast, lunch, tea, supper and dinner aren't preceded by any article.

Dinner will be served at eight.
At lunch, she was unusually talkative.
He left after tea.

When a meal is specified, you use 'the'.

The dinner last night was superb."

"Sir, Prof. B. K. Chalageri, HOD of Physics, SB Science College, Gulbarga, writes: This is with reference to the usage of the word 'population'. This word is now used not only to indicate the number of animate objects in a given place but also inanimate things. The word now is widely used in Physics to mean 'the total number of things in a given place' as stated by you. The word 'population' is employed to mean 'the total number of things' irrespective of whether they are living or non-living things'."

Published in The Hindu on June 13, 1989.

Word of the day

Harried:
troubled persistently especially with petty annoyances

Synonyms: harassed, pestered, annoyed, vexed

Usage: *She looked harried after coming back from the shop.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/harriedpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /'hærid/

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Allow children rescued from beggary to be breastfed by their mothers, HC tells State

BBMP told to pay ₹55.65 cr., the remaining outstanding of beggary cess, to the Central relief panel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday asked the State government to ensure that young children, rescued from beggary, are allowed to be breastfed by their mothers in terms of the guidelines issued by the apex court for allowing women prisoners to breastfeed their children.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit made these observations during the hearing on a PIL petition filed by Letzkit Foundation on the issue of forcing children to sell toys, flowers etc. on the streets of Bengaluru, particularly at traffic junctions.

A file photo of a woman begging along with her child under Hebbal flyover in Bengaluru.

It was stated in the status report, filed by the State government on the First Information Reports registered under the provisions of the Karnataka Prohibition of Beggary Act during 2021-23, that 115 FIRs were registered in various parts of the State and 144 persons have been arrested for violation of the Act. Also, it was indicated in the status report that 54 boys and 45 girls were among the rescued children.

At this juncture, the advocate representing the petitioner pointed out to the court that there are children aged between 1 to 4 among the rescued and the authorities will have to ensure that their mothers are allowed to breastfeed them as women may be among those arrested for beggary.

Following this, the Bench told the government advocate to ensure that the authorities adhere to the guidelines issued by the apex court.

On beggary cess

Meanwhile, the Bench directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike to pay ₹55.65 crore, the remaining outstanding of beggary cess, to the Central relief committee within four weeks. The Bench also said that the BBMP cannot plead shortage of funds for release of the cess amount as the civic body has no right to retain the beggary cess collected along with the property tax for its own use.

Metro: CMRS completes inspection of Baiyappanahalli to K.R. Pura line

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) completed the inspection of the eagerly awaited Baiyappanahalli-K.R. Pura section (2 km) of Namma Metro on Thursday.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., in a statement, said, "The statutory safety inspection of the newly constructed line between Baiyappanahalli and Krishnarajapura stations was held by the CMRS (Southern Circle) and successfully completed."

A senior BMRCL official told *The Hindu* that the commercial operations of the entire Purple Line are expected to begin on the stretch by this month end or the first week of October. Next week, the CMRS is expected to inspect the Kengeri-Challaghatta section on the Purple Line.

The CMRS officials started from Benniganahalli station, situated between K.R. Pura and Baiyappanahalli stations, to inspect the station, lift and escalator testing, pump-room and fire suppression and later officials checked the platform clearance, track, and travelled in a motor trolley towards K.R. Pura and Baiyappanahalli. The officials also inspected the curves, third rail, open-web girder bridge, bearings, and scrutinised the registers and documents, along with rolling stock.

A special train was operated between Baiyappanahalli and Kempegowda Majestic metro station, on which the CMRS travelled.

Prior to the announcement of dates for Assembly elections, BMRCL had opened the metro line from K.R. Pura to Whitefield, covering 13.71 km. The line has 12 stations. However, a stretch of close to 2 km between Baiyappanahalli and K.R. Pura could not be opened due to pending work.

Traffic police clear drain, draw applause

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two traffic policemen attached to the K.S. Layout police station on Wednesday night cleared a drain that was clogged after heavy rains, resulting in traffic jam on the busy Sarakki junction.

On noticing the inundation, head constables Sunil and Basavaraj, regulating traffic, called the civic agency for help and alerted Inspector Manjunath R.V.

As there was no immediate response from the civic agencies, the duo began clearing the drain with a lathi and sticks to allow water to flow while stranded commuters recorded the operation on video.

Video widely shared

One of the videos was shared widely on social media, and netizens appreciated the work of the constables that resulted in the clearing of traffic. "It is a part of the job. Policemen on duty have been told to take care of their area to ensure the free flow of traffic, come what may. They have been told to take up immediate relief work without waiting for the others to come to their help," Mr. Manjunath said.

Forest Minister asks zoo officials across State to be on alert

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre on Thursday instructed zoo officials across Karnataka to be on high alert following the death of seven leopard cubs and 16 deer at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP).

Mr. Khandre, who visited BBP to review the situation following the death of the animals over the last few days, instructed officials to undertake precautions in all zoos to prevent the spread of infection among animals, especially wild cats. Seven leopard cubs have died at BBP after being infected by Feline panleukopenia, a highly contagious viral disease.

Don't visit other zoos

Mr. Khandre also directed BBP staff to refrain from visiting other zoos in the State following the death of the leopard cubs due to the viral infection. He also instructed that leopards, lions, tigers, wild cats housed in Mysuru zoo and other zoos should be vaccinated. Apart from the death of leopard cubs, 16 deer have also succumbed in BBP over a period of time due to abdominal diseases (hemorrhagic enteritis and endocarditis) and due to infighting.

A herd of deer were relocated from St. John's College premises to BBP by the Forest Department.

Officials told Mr. Khandre that the deceased deer had stomach-related diseases and were kept in isolation while others died due to infighting.

The Minister instructed the Executive Director of BBP to take necessary steps to ensure that such incidents do not reoccur.

He also directed forest and medical officers to coordinate and inspect all the animals.

Illegal admission: NMC to take action against G.R. Medical College

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) of the National Medical Commission (NMC) has decided to take legal action against G.R. Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, Mangaluru, after a forged letter for renewal of permission for MBBS course for 2nd batch (1st Renewal) for the academic year 2022-23 was found.

The NMC issued a public notice on September 20 and said that it had come to the notice of MARB of NMC that a forged letter dated September 13 has been issued to G.R. Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, Karnataka, towards renewal of permission for MBBS course for 2nd batch for 2022-23.

Maintaining that the letter has not been issued by the Member/president, MARB of NMC, it deemed the letter as forged and said it cannot be considered as a valid permission from MARB of NMC.

The NMC's Medical Assessment and Rating Board had granted permission for G.R. Medical College Hospital and Research Centre in 2021-22 with an annual intake of 150 seats. But it disapproved the proposal for grant of permission for second batch for 150 seats for the academic year of 2022-23. However, the college management admitted 150 MBBS students illegally for the academic year of 2022-23, without having valid permission.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Directorate of Medical Education said, "On September 13, we got a carbon copy of e-mail from the NMC e-mail ID, stating that admission approval has been given to G.R. Medical College, MBBS course for 2nd batch (1st Renewal) for the academic year of 2022-23. After cross verification, it came to light that the e-mailed letter was fake."

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Inaugural Ceremony of New
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Venue: Shop No.5, Aarthi Chambers, Anna Salai, Chennai-600006, Tamil Nadu
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Inauguration by
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Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Thousand Lights Constituency Tamil Nadu

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Cauvery water sharing row: After SC setback, State likely to wait for CWMA meeting to make next move

Karnataka is left with no choice but to release 5,000 cusecs of water daily as stipulated by the authority right now: Sources

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the Supreme Court's refusal to intervene in the Cauvery water sharing dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, the State is now looking at the next window of opportunity to present its case.

Karnataka has been left with no choice but to release 5,000 cusecs of water daily as stipulated by the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) right now, top government sources indicated.

Farmers protesting in the Cauvery at T. Narsipur in Mysuru district against the water release to Tamil Nadu, on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Meeting on Sept. 27

The government is likely to wait till the next CWMA meeting proceedings to move further. "We will go by the current CWMA decision, but will appeal against it in the next authority's meeting scheduled for September 27," a senior government source told *The Hindu*. The State will continue to argue against the release of quantum of water as stipulated by the authority, the source said.

Another source, who was part of the meetings in Delhi on Thursday, acknowledged that the Supreme Court order came as an "unexpected development" considering the magnitude of the distress in the Cauvery basin districts in Karnataka. Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy told presspersons in Delhi that the matter is also likely to come up for discussion in the Cabinet meeting scheduled for Friday.

Opposition's demand

Meanwhile, the BJP and the JD(S) leaders have urged the government to go for a review of Thursday's order of the Supreme Court. However, this is unlikely to happen. "While there is little time left to file the review petition, there is feeling that the government also cannot approach the apex court again without releasing some quantum of water," said a source.

On Thursday, former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy urged the State to approach the Supreme Court with a review petition quickly. Alleging that the government "erred at every step", he said: "It delayed approaching the Supreme Court, and advice given by Opposition leaders were not considered."

Former Chief Minister and BJP leader Basavaraj Bommai told reporters that the Supreme Court should have considered ground realities before issuing its order. "It is necessary to convince the court of the ground realities. It is also not fair only to calculate the storage in Karnataka reservoirs," he said.

Meeting Union Minister

Earlier in the day, a delegation led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to impress upon him the ground realities in Karnataka, and the State's inability to release water since there is not enough storage to maintain needs of drinking water, industrial requirement, besides saving standing crops.

Mr. Siddaramaiah told presspersons that the water requirement forecast is 106 tmcft and the availability is 52 tmcft. He also highlighted the protests by farmers in the Cauvery basin against the release of water to Tamil Nadu. "We are expecting the Centre to intervene in the matter and have urged for a distress formula to be devised." He said that about 4,500 cusecs was being released currently.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who holds the Water Resources portfolio, told presspersons in Delhi before the Supreme Court proceedings on Thursday: "To respect their sentiments and orders of the authority, we are releasing 4,000-odd cusecs of water. However, inflow into reservoirs is deteriorating daily." The government is committed to safeguarding the interest of the State, he said.

Karnataka's share of women representation in Assembly lowest among Southern States

In figures

Year	Contestants	Winners
2023	185	10
2018	219	10
2013	176	7
2008	104	3
2004	101	6
1999	62	6
1994	117	7
1989	78	10
1985	108	8
1983	34	1
1978	30	8
1972	20	No winners
1967	9	5
1962	30	18
1957	24	13

Year	No. of women voters	No. of women who voted	Female polling percentage
2023	2,63,99,574	1,91,91,137	72.69
2018	2,49,10,888	1,78,18,310	71.5
2013	2,13,67,912	1,50,57,361	70.47
2008	19812639	1,25,01,931	63.10
2004	1,89,84,380	1,19,45,017	62.9
1999	1,68,36,520	1,08,72,538	64.58
1994	1,51,23,835	99,62,033	65.87
1989	1,39,85,552	89,60,070	64.07
1985	1,08,90,046	68,72,429	63.11
1983	1,00,78,883	61,13,904	60.66
1978	88,08,540	59,80,287	67.89
1972	73,55,741	41,84,091	56.88
1967	62,16,001	36,19,414	58.23
1962	55,13,993	29,11,216	52.80
1957	Not available		

(Source: Election Commission of India)

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Currently, of the 10 women in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, three are from the BJP, four from the Congress, two from the JD(S), and one is an Independent

While the Women's Reservation Bill has been passed in Parliament, a look at the representation of women in the Karnataka Assembly over the years shows a bleak picture.

At 4.5% of the total strength of Assembly, Karnataka's share of women representation is the sixth lowest in the country. In fact, it is the lowest among the Southern States' share of MLAs in their Legislative Assemblies. While Andhra Pradesh has 8%, Kerala follows with 7.9%.

The share of Tamil Nadu and Telangana is almost the same at 5.1% and 5%, respectively, according to data.

Far better

Women representation appeared to have been far better in the first two elections in 1957 and 1962, with 13 and 18 elected, respectively. Women representation remained in the single digit since 1967, except in 1989, 2018, and 2023 when 10 women were elected each.

Currently, of the 10 in the Assembly, three are from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), four from Congress, two from the JD(S), and one fought as an Independent.

Rise in women voters

However, the number of women voters has gone up significantly. From 55.13 lakh in 1962, the number of women voters touched 2.63 crore this year. The total number of women voters have outnumbered men voters in at least 17 electoral divisions out of the 34 in the State this year.

Too few winners

On the other hand, while a total of 1,297 women have contested polls from 1967 till 2023, a mere 110 (8.48%) have won. Of these, 74 are from the Congress (the highest), 19 are from Janata Parivar (Janata party, Janata Dal, Janata Dal (Secular), and JD-U), and 13 from the BJP.

Although the number of women contestants has been on the rise over the years, former women elected representatives said the number of candidates fielded by various parties is still not in proportion to the rise in the number of women voters.

From major parties

In 2018, of the 219 women contestants only 36 were from major political parties (the Congress had fielded 15 women while the BJP and the Janata Dal (Secular) had given seats to five and six women, respectively). The remaining were from smaller parties and Independents. This time, 12 were from the BJP, Congress nominated 11, and the JD(S) 13.

The highest number of women (17) were nominated by the Aam Aadmi Party, even though they failed to make any mark in the Assembly elections. The rest were Independents.

'Have goal, clarity'

Laxmi Hebbalkar, the lone woman in the State Cabinet this time, attributed the poor representation to hesitation and lack of confidence among women, apart from other reasons.

"Most of the time, women feel they cannot take up politics as a career as they have other responsibilities. The perception in society is also that women cannot devote as much time towards politics as men. Although the Women's Reservation Bill is a welcome move, I feel women should not contest just because the seat is reserved for them. Women should be grounded, have a goal, clarity, and vision in politics. All these years, we only demanded reservation but we did not become inevitable on the ground. We should prove our leadership," Ms. Hebbalkar said.

Guarantee schemes announced in manifesto cannot amount to corrupt practices, Siddaramaiah contends before HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The five guarantee schemes announced in the election manifesto of the Congress party would not amount to corrupt practice committed by an individual candidate under the Representation of People Act, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has contented before the High Court of Karnataka.

In his statement seeking dismissal of the petition, which had questioned legality of his election to the Legislative Assembly from Varuna constituency, Mr. Siddaramaiah contended that guarantee schemes promised in the manifesto do not amount to bribery and undue influence under Section 123 of the Representation of People Act.

K.M. Shankara, a voter from Mysuru, had questioned Mr. Siddaramaiah's election. Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav, who on September 20 took the statement filed by Mr. Siddaramaiah on record, adjourned hearing till October 6.

"The promises in question were integral components of the Congress party's manifesto, and are distinct from individual offers made by the respondent to Varuna constituency voters. Section 123 of the Act explicitly confines its scope to candidates or agents, with no mention of political parties," it was stated in the statement while contending that the petitioner has failed to give an instance of any individual corrupt practice by Mr. Siddaramaiah.

"The entire basis for the allegations made in the petition under Section 123 of the Act revolves around the guarantee welfare schemes, which unmistakably cannot be characterised as corrupt practices," it was stated.

The manifesto in question is a statement of its policy and the question of its implementation arises only if the party is elected and forms the government, and hence it is not an individual promise made by a candidate, Mr. Siddaramaiah said while alleging that the petition was filed, without any evidence for corrupt, only to gain publicity.

Department launches drive against coaching institutes evading GST

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The Belagavi Enforcement Wing of Commercial Taxes Department, Karnataka, unearthed a prominent group operating multiple coaching institutes in Vijayapura district for alleged evasion of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Enforcement officials conducted simultaneous searches at the business and residential premises of the coaching institutes of the group and other commercial coaching facilities in the district.

"The officers seized incriminating records and digital evidence. As a result of the search operation, it is suspected that a substantial volume of turnover has been suppressed, and tax has been evaded. They have voluntarily deposited ₹1 crore in GST pending final quantification of turnover and tax," said C. Shikha, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Karnataka), in a press statement on Thursday.

The department has not disclosed the name the group. Coaching institutions are required to pay GST at 18%. "The department is in the pursuit of bringing all such institutes in this sector under the GST net," Ms. Shikha said.

The department is at the forefront of e-governance, employing software analytical tools to detect fraud and tax evasion.

Last week, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah instructed commercial tax officers to take action against tax evaders in cases of tax evasion, tax leakage and tax pilferage in the state. He also said that the growth rate of tax collection by the State commercial tax department is 19.2%, which is higher than the country's average of 15%. The government has set a target of 24% growth in taxes.

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No.TAMIN/1329/2023-P5 **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER** Dated: 21.09.2023
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1	Description of work	Total Production contract with entire mining machineries with fuel and allied labors & total consumables for production of Quality Granite Blocks without defect in Kodakkal-6 hects Black Granite quarry of TAMIN
2	Tender No. & Date	TAMIN/1329/2023-P5 Dated: 21.09.2023
3	Tender ID	2023_TNMIN_371741_1
4	Bid submission end date	19.10.2023 up to 14.00 hrs.
5	Technical bid opening date	20.10.2023 at 16.00 hrs.
6	Financial Bid Opening Date	Will be intimated later on through Tamil Nadu Government's e-Tender portal
7	Tender form Fee & EMD	Rs.2000/-(Non refundable) & Rs.2,36,000/- online payment only
8	Pre Bid Conference	10.10.2023 at 11.00 AM at TAMIN, Head Office

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Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No:EE/PWD/KD/TS-4/Tender Notification/2023-24/ 3684 Date:04.09.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender for the 01 work under 4059 Appendix-E Head of account e-portal Indent No. 5274, 2) Estimated Cost: **Rs. 90.00 Lakhs**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class I, 4) Tender fees and EMD details: Application fees as per e-procurement EMD . Rs, 1,53,000.00, 5) Last date for queries: **31/09/2023 (17.30 Hrs)**, 6) Last date for submission of tender: **03/10/2023 (16.00 Hrs)**, 7) Date of opening of Technical Bid : **05/10/2023 (16.30 Hrs)**, 8) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **07/10/2023 (04.30 Hrs)**, 9) Address for Enquiries & Clarifications: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 10) website : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Kalaburagi
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It is brought to the notice of General Public that our Clients are intending to purchase property bearing Site No.249, situated in AECS Layout, (formed out of Sy. No's 115/1,116 to 121, 122/1 and 2, 124/1, 3, 125 and 131/1, 3 Kundalahalli Village and Sy. No's 39 and 43 of Chinnappana halli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, and Sy No.8 and 73 of Tubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, BSTQ,) Bangalore, measuring E-W:40 ft & N-S : 60 ft in all measuring 2400sqft, bounded on the East By Property bearing No.248, West By: Property bearing No.250, North by:Road, South by: Property bearing No.268, from its owners 1) **Mrs. D.THULASI, W/o., Mr. Devaraju,** 2) Mr. DEVARAJU, S/o., Mr. Ramasamy, No. A 1024, PEARL APARTMENT, 1 lock St, Kotturpuram, Chennai, T.N-600085, Any person/s having objections to the said transactions can register their claim/s with documentary evidence with the undersigned within 7 days of publication hereof, failing which, our clients will proceed with the transactions and any claim/s received thereafter will not be entertained.

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My client has negotiated to purchase from **Sri. K. NAGARAJ,** S/o Late. Kalegowda, Presently R/at No. 15, "Srigandha", 1st Main, Hakka Road, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040, the property described in the schedule below. If any person has any claim or objection to the same, the same may be lodged with the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If within the said period, no objections are received, my client will proceed with the transaction as if there are no claims against the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old Sy. No. 43/1, New Sy. No. 43/3, measuring 2 Acre 16 Gunts and 0-01 Gunta of Karabh, situated at K. Kalenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District and bounded as follows: **East by**: Land in Sy. No. 43/2B2, 43/2A and 42, **West by** : Land in Sy. No. 42, **North by** : Canal in Sy. No. 43/1 and land in Sy. No. 39, **South by**: Land in Sy. No. 42.

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Gadag-Betageri Urban Development Authority
TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner, Gadag- Betageri Urban Development Authority, Gadag invites the tender for the work detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, Trough e-Procurement portal. Two Cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tenders can submit their tenders for the work noted in the below table. The tender documents can be downloaded from the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in . For any additional information the tenders may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **Note:** Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers Can view in e-procurement portal.

Sl. No.	Details of Work	Estimated Cost (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Construction and Improvements of Cycle Path From Mulgund Naka Junction to Tontadaraya Collage, Near Hatalageri Naka Gadag GBUDA/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT3/CALL-2	86.00

The Tender Events are as under:
(a) Pre-Bid Meeting Held on : 26-09-2023 at 11.30 Hrs in the office of Commissioner, Gadag Urban Development Authority Gadag-Betageri **(b)** Last Dates for Queries (through e-procurement :27-09-2023 up to 17:30 Hrs.Portal). **(c)** Last Date for submission of Tenders through : 28-09-2023 up to 17:30 Hrs. e-procurement Portal. **(d)** Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids : 30-09-2023 at 17:30 Hrs **(e)** Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bids : 09-10-2023 at 17:30 Hrs

Commissioner.,
Gadag-Betageri Urban DevelopmentAuthority,
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In loving memory of
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Beloved husband of
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Your ability to find happiness in everyday activities and pursue it with an unwavering spirit is a source of inspiration!
We miss you.
- Shobha, Shubha, Balaji

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Not a day passes by without thinking of you & how lucky we were to have you.
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Onus of ensuring inclusion of all citizens in welfare schemes on govts., say experts

At the Trustworthy digital identity international conference, experts highlighted the need for inclusion being the northstar while designing a universal digital ID system

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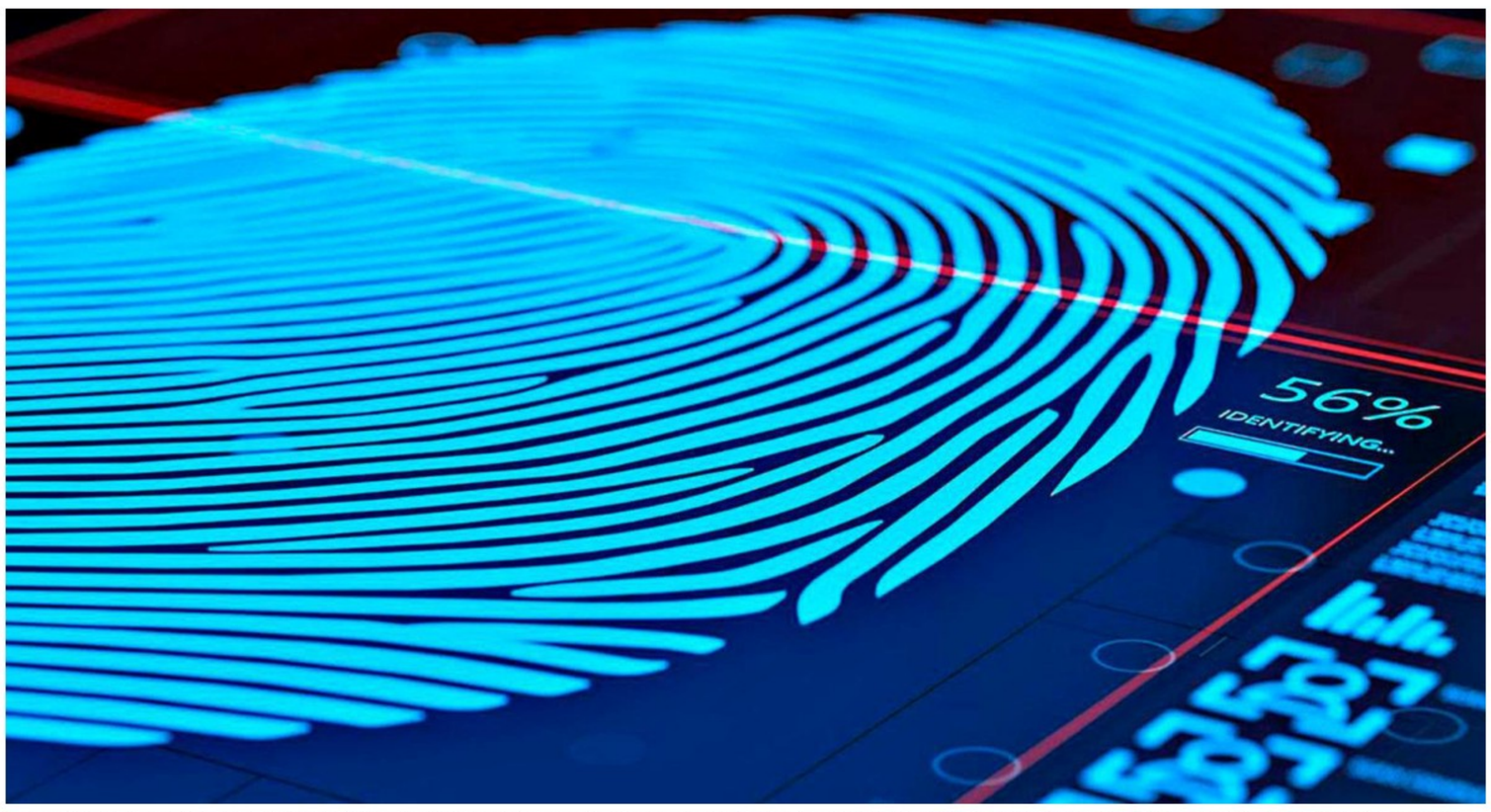

Cases of people being excluded from welfare schemes due to failure of authentication or lack of documents like Aadhaar still continue. The onus of fixing it always falls on the citizens, and experts have been pointing out how problematic it is. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

About two weeks ago, in a report prepared for G20 prior to the Leaders' Summit, the World Bank praised the way India harnessed the power of digital public infrastructure such as Aadhaar and UPI to improve financial inclusion and delivery of public goods and services.

The report which was part of G20's financial inclusion action plan for 2024-2026 shaped under India's presidency also mentioned other digital ID systems such as Singapore's Singpass, Philippines' PhilSys, and UAE's UAE-Pass.

With more than 1.3 billion registered users, Aadhaar is the largest national biometric digital identification programme in the world. Modular Open-Source Identity Platform (MOSIP), a digital identity platform developed by the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIITB) has been working on a project to provide digital identities similar to Aadhaar in nine countries including the Philippines, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Ethiopia, Republic of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, and Togolese Republic.

Not entirely foolproof

While India's digital transformation has achieved huge strides in financial inclusion, the system is not entirely foolproof yet. The twin aims of Aadhaar have been eliminating corruption from the system and inclusion of the underprivileged and weakest sections of society through proof of identity for every citizen.

However, cases of people being excluded from welfare schemes due to failure of authentication or lack of documents like Aadhaar still continue. The onus of fixing it always falls on the citizens, and experts have been pointing out how problematic it is.

"A person's unique ID is the coming together of their history, the history of a larger administrative system, and various other aspects.

That's why people's vulnerabilities around IDs are also very unique," said Dr. Janaki Srinivasan, Associate Professor, IIIT-B. She was part of a panel on '*Digital divides and inclusion*' at the Trustworthy digital identity international conference by IIITB and The Alan Turing Institute.

The panellists discussing digital identity and data security.

"The story we often hear is that when people have multiple IDs it is to make wrong use of the available benefits."

"But what we found in our research was that in some cases it was simply a way of coping," said Dr. Janaki, citing the example of women who had to move from their native place after marriage.

She noted that it was similar in the case of several migrant workers too. A migrant who has moved to a big city may need an ID to do transactions in his native and another ID for his transactions in the city.

Given the multiple needs and the phase of life in which people are, they may have completely legitimate reasons for having multiple IDs, Dr. Janaki noted.

"Most of the groups we identify as vulnerable have stitched their life together with so many fragile threads. When a new system comes in it's not so much about the specifics of that system being bad in any sense, it's just that the system upends what they already know. They are generally not in a position to spend a lot of effort and resources to understand how the new system works. They may find ways around it. But it definitely increases the labour they have to put in to relearn the system, reconfiguring their networks and so on and so forth," she said.

Humane grievance

BBMP relaunched the 'Fix My Street' app earlier this year allowing citizens to report potholes. Within 15 days of launch, the app saw more than 2,500 complaints being registered. The last few years have seen several central and state government departments rolling out similar apps for grievance redressal.

While apps for grievance redressal may sound excellent in theory, they get more complicated in real according to experts. Citing a field study done in three states, Sarayu noted that grievance redressal in India has mostly been mediated.

According to Sasikumar Ganesan, Head of Engineering at MOSIP, digital systems have the inherent problem of not being humans. He remembered how his father, whenever faced with a problem regarding his property transactions, would walk up to one of the department staff, tell them his situation, convince them, and get them involved to find a solution.

"The moment it moved online, things changed. Now his only option was to depend on me to fill things out online. Grievance has to be humane, and it is going to be a tough exercise," he said.

Dr. Srinivasan echoed similar sentiments and noted that the state was legally bound to take upon the onus of people being excluded and carry out grievance redressal.

"Fixing where that accountability is and how you take that accountability forward is a very critical priority. It may get better with time. But we cannot totally expect to learn it on the field," she said.

Inclusion vs security

In June, COVID-19 vaccination data of several Indians was reportedly leaked on a Telegram bot.

The data leaked from the government-funded CoWIN portal included name, gender, birth details, Aadhaar numbers, PAN cards, passport numbers, voter IDs and vaccination centre details as per reports.

Data breaches make citizens extremely vulnerable to scams, manipulation, and exploitation. Reports suggest that Aadhaar related scams have been on the rise in the country.

"There's a huge difference between building an inclusive technology and a technology that prevents fraud and ensures security privacy. Sometimes they are on opposite sides," said Mr. Ganesan, adding that inclusivity has to be the basic principle on which the system works.

He also pointed out how using biometrics for verification can be inclusive and exclusive.

"My father can't remember passwords and asks the security person's help to type in the PIN and withdraw money from the ATM. But when it comes to fingerprint authentication, he is perfectly okay. But I have also seen people standing in queue unable to get their fingerprints authenticated. It's not their fault, yet they are being denied service," he said.

In June, the Odisha High Court, while hearing a writ petition on the plight of malnourished children from villages in the Jajpur district, had ruled that failure of Aadhaar card, mobile phone, or identity papers of a particular kind were no grounds to exclude people from welfare schemes

"It is important to keep improving your security layers keeping the north star as inclusion and not the other way around. The day you start doing it the other way around and try to prevent more people from fraud, you are going to exclude more people from this system," Mr. Ganesan said.

Host of factors

Panelists also pointed out that within the idea of the universality of IDs, the question of whether it was framed as a policy or a right deserved significant consideration, and the question of inclusion had to be framed accordingly.

In the case of women particularly many factors mediated the securing and usage of an ID, said Sarayu Natarajan, founder of Aapti institute.

"How women get out, the cost of taking time off to get an ID - a whole range of such factors determine whether a woman can get out or not in the first place... Thinking through what this identification means conceptually and in what ways you would be viewed by the state and to some extent private entities are also significant questions that mediate the identity," she said.

She also noted that while inclusion into the system was often perceived as a one-time thing, in reality it is a constantly negotiated process.

"Technological shifts and social practices can end up including and excluding people. It is a complex journey," she said.

META Award winner 'Hunkaro' is back in Bengaluru

The play has three captivating tales interlacing each other to explore the transformative power of strength and hope

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BENGALURU

Scenes from the play *Hunkaro.*

Hunkaro, a play that premiered in Bengaluru at the Staying Alive - Ranga Shankara Theatre Festival, in 2021, is back in the City on September 23. The Ujaagar Dramatic Association production that recently bagged seven awards at the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards or META festival, 2023, is a performance piece that was designed just after the second wave of COVID-19.

The idea of the play came about with the disturbing realisation that the lockdown reduced not only the attention span of people but also the capacity and need to listen to others. *Hunkaro* literally means a verbal affirmation, a response from the listener to the storyteller that she or he is listening, comprehending, and travelling with the story. Since Lockdown, there has been an insatiable hunger to consume visuals and noise which leaves very little room for listening. If listening too is an art, like many other art forms, is this too losing its beauty and necessity? How can it be regained? *Hunkaro* is premised on these questions that keeps coming up.

Three narratives

The play has three captivating tales interlacing each other to explore the transformative power of strength and hope, and their role in sustaining life. The narratives are based on works of Rajasthani writers, Arvind Charan and Chirag Khandelwal, and Vijaydan Detha. The performance places a strong emphasis on the beauty of the Rajasthani language, delving into the aesthetic value of languages in general, the significance of spoken words, and the art of attentive listening.

Ancient songs

Hunkaro is enriched with songs from the ancient Manganiyar tradition, refraining from the use of musical instruments, once again highlighting the power of spoken language.

This production features a cast of six skilled actors, Ipshita Chakraborty, Ajeet Singh Palawat, Puneet Mishra, Mahesh Saini, Bhakti Bharti and Bhaskar Sharma. The play predominantly incorporates Marwari, Hindi, Hariyanwi, and Awadhi languages. Manganiyar musician Hakeem Khan leads the musical aspect of this performance, while it has been crafted and directed by Mohit Takalkar.

Hope of dreaming

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Takalkar said during the process of making this play, just after the pandemic, he realised that hope would help everyone dream again.

"Around me, I was seeing heart breaking events unfolding. During the second wave, I realised that if people had survived this far, it was only because of hope. Even dreams had died during the pandemic, but hope was alive that we will be able to dream again, so it was a very strange phenomenon."

Shows of the play are at 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., at Ranga Shankara, J.P.Nagar. Tickets for the play are available at the Ranga Shankara box-office and on BookMyShow.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 22, 1973

Paddy Levy: Urs' Call to Partymen

Bangalore, Sept 21: About 3.75 lakh tons of paddy would be procured during the current year, the Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs, told a meeting of the ruling Congress Legislature Party here to-day.

A system of issuing cards to farmers for the distribution of fertilizers was also expected to be introduced, he said.

The meeting discussed the food problem and the recent food riots. The Chief Minister took the opportunity to outline the Government's food policy for the current year and the scheme of graded levy on paddy, the sheet-anchor of the procurement drive, and the building up of buffer stocks. The Chief Minister appealed to partymen to set an example to others by promptly tendering the paddy levy and co-operating with the Government in making the procurement. scheme a success.

DA Raised for Mysore Govt. Employees

BANGALORE, Sept. 21: The Mysore Government has decided to bring the dearness allowance of its employees on par with Central Government rates with retrospective effect from May 1, 1973.

The rise in D.A. ranges from Rs. 7 to Rs. 10 per mensem but the additional D.A will be paid in installments in the next financial year.

The Mysore budget presented in March this year had brought about parity between the state and Union Governments employees in the matter of D.A from April 1973, creating a gap again. This gap has now been filled.

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NUGGETS OF HISTORY

Tulu is mother tongue of 10 million people

As per the 2011 Census, there were 18.46 lakh Tulu speakers in India. According to Mangalore University, about 10 million people claim Tulu as their mother tongue. It is widely spoken in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts of Karnataka and Kasaragod district of Kerala. The language is yet to get included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

The early script of Tulu language

Documents of Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy and Mangalore University say that Robert Caldwell (1814-1891), in his book, A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South-Indian Family of Languages, called Tulu "one of the most highly developed languages of the Dravidian family". Tulu has a history of more than 2,600 years.

An iconic cinema in Mangaluru

Jyothi Theatre at Balmatta in Mangaluru shares the credit of screening the first, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 100th Tulu cinemas. It screened films like Enna Tangadi, Bangar Patler, Brahmashree Narayana Guru, Panoda Bodja. This theatre was opened on April 22, 1950, and was one of the icons of Mangaluru. Many Tulu films were first released in this theatre.

First national award for a Tulu film

The first national award for a Tulu movie was bagged by Bangar Patler released on April 23, 1993. It was the first Cinema scope Tulu feature film. The cinema directed and produced by Richard Castelino also bagged the Special Best Regional Language Award of Karnataka government for 1992-93. It was the production of Rajalakshmi Films. Actor Sudharani had acted in this movie.

Bisatti Basu got the first State award

Bisatti Babu released on October 6, 1972, was the first Tulu movie to get the first State award. It bagged Karnataka's third best film award for 1972-73. Produced by M. Y. Kola and directed by Arooru Pattabhi. P.B Sreenivas, S. P. Balasubrahmaniyam, S. Janaki and Sarojini Pattabi had sung for this movie. The screenplay and dialogues were by K. N. Tailor.

Tulu films: Time to explore potential beyond comedies

Film observers say the distinct language and culture of Tulu offers abundant and varied material to experiment with

Raviprasad Kamila
MANGALURU

Tulu film *Koramma* which hit the screens a month ago broke out of the "comedy template" that has been ruling the Tulu cinema industry for a decade. Directed by the national award winning director Shivadhwaj Shetty and produced by Eshwaridas Shetty and Rajeshwari Rai, the movie was released as the 133rd Tulu film on August 11, 2023.

A majority of the 41 Tulu films released during the first four decades (1971-2011) had themes of varied kinds. But since 2011, the focus of many films among the 92 released till August, 2023, have veered towards comedy genre due to the influence of Tulu theatre, from where the industry needs to branch out now. A handful of films did break out of the comedy template during the last decade and won State and national awards, thus showing the potential and strength of Tulu cinema.

The story of *Koramma* revolves around an untouchable orphan eponymously named, who grows up in the cowshed of an "upper" caste landlord in a village during the 1980s. The tenor of the film shifts when the landlord's city-educated son returns to the village at the behest of his father.

A still from Tulu film *Enna Tangadi*.

Though the bond between the father and the servant is strong, the son sees it otherwise. The story sees human values slowly transcending caste discrimination.

"It reminds us how, in India, the deep rooted evil of untouchability was not won with bloodshed, but with resilience of the entire community and with love and affection," Shivadhwaj Shetty told *The Hindu*. Earlier in 2008, Tulu cinema *Gaggara* directed by him and produced by M. Durgananda won the national award.

First Tulu film

Interestingly, the very first Tulu cinema *Enna Tangadi* (My Sister) released in Mangaluru on February 19, 1971, was not made by any person associated with Tulu language. It was made by Bengaluru-based Kannada actor, director and producer S.R. Rajan (or Sitharamu Raju).

Thamma Lakshmana, an art director associated with Tulu cinema industry, told *The Hindu* that Rajan who was shooting a Kannada film *Aidu Beralu* in Mangaluru during 1969-70 learnt that a Tulu film was being shot in Mangaluru. It was *Dareda Budedi* produced by K. N. Taylor and Narayana Putran. Immediately Rajan took on the Tulu project as he wanted to take the credit of producing, directing, and releasing the first-ever Tulu film. Rajan succeeded in his effort and he adopted the story of a Tulu drama *Tage Tangadi*, written by K. B. Bhandary, a well-known Tulu and Kannada playwright. The film was released under the banner Dolly Films. Rajan completed the shooting of *Aidu Beralu* only later.

A still from Tulu film *Koramma*.

A still from Tulu film *Brahmashree Narayana Guruswamy*.

Lakshmana, who is the author of Kannada book tilted *Tulu Belli Tereya Suvarna Yana*, which has recorded the legacy of 50 years of Tulu film industry and was released in 2022, said that though the shooting of *Dareda Budedi* began ahead of *Ennga Tangadi*, it was released as the second Tulu cinema on March 26, 1971. Produced under the banner Sharavu Pictures it was directed by Arooru Pattabhi. The story and dialogue were written by Taylor.

Some of the early films such as *Pageta Puge* (released on March 31, 1972) produced by Kadumatha Mahabala Shetty and Anand Shekar and directed by Arooru Pattabhi, *Bisatti Babu* (October 6, 1972) produced by M. Y. Koola and directed by Arooru Pattabhi and *Badkere Budle* (July 15, 1983) produced by Ram Shetty and directed by Arooru Pattabhi, initially lifted the Tulu cinema industry, said Lakshmana. Of them *Pageta Puge* was based on Kannada novel *Hennu, Honnu, Mannu,* and *Badkere Budle* was based on an Oriya story. *Bisati Babu* was the film to get the first State award.

Growth over the years

The industry saw the release of 17 films in the first decade. In the next decade, only five films were released. Later 10 films made their way into theatres in the third decade, till 2001.

The industry which was in dormant stage for four years (2002-2005) recovered in 2006 and six films were released till 2010. Later, especially after the release and success of the comedy movie *Oriyardori Asal* (one is smarter than the other), produced by Roopa Vijaykumar, dialogue and screenplay by Vijayakumar Kodialbail and directed by Ha. Su. Rajashekar in 2011, the industry took a leap as about 10 films were released every year. The period between 2011 and February 2021, witnessed the release of 77 films. Thus 115 films were released in 50 years. In addition, 11 more films, though obtained censor clearance, were not released. About 20 more Tulu films are in the offing.

A still from Tulu film *Bangar Patler*.

Awards and honours

In its journey towards golden jubilee year, the industry bagged seven national awards and 17 State awards. The films - *'Bangar Patler'* (1992-1993) produced and directed by Richard Castelino; *'Koti Chennaya'* (2006-07) produced by R. Dhanraj and directed by Anand P Raju; 'Gaggara' (2008) produced by M. Durganand and directed by Shivadhwaj Shetty; *'Madipu'* (2016) produced by Sandeep Kumar Nandalike and directed by Chethan Mundady; *'Paddayi'*(2017) produced by Nityananda Pai and directed by Abhay Simha; *'Pingara'* (2019) produced by Avinash U Shetty and D. N. Manjunath Reddy and directed by Preetham Shetty; and *'Jeetige'* (2020) produced by Arun Rai Thodar and directed by Santhosh Mada - got national award.

Lakshmana said that Ram Shetty, Devdas Kapikkad, Prakash Pandeshwar, Kishore D Shetty and Vijay Kumar Kodialbail have produced many Tulu films in the recent years.

A still from Tulu film *Koramma.*

Reliance on some actors

Filmmaker and Tulu theatre personality Vijayakumar Kodialbail has said that the trend of producing only comedy films based on ready made formulas should change, and that filmmakers should focus on films with serious content too. It was possible to make a film based on a strong story in a reasonable budget, he said, adding that relying only on four or five comedy actors who came from Tulu theatre will make the audience grow weary of them over the years. Success of Tulu cinema cannot be measured only in numbers, he said.

"There were films screened for more than 50 or 100 days. At the same time, there have been films which were taken off from the theatres after a week," he said, adding that Tulu content is yet to make a mark in OTT (over the top) platforms.

Lakshmana argued that a film producer should learn how to market a film too. It especially applies to the new producers. Released on October 31, 2014, *'Chali Polilu'* produced by Prakash Pandeshwar and directed by Veerendra Shetty Kavoor, was screened for 511 days creating a record, he said, citing an example.

Strong story base buried

"Though some Tulu films produced in the last a decade had strong story base, heavy emphasis on comedy took it away the focus," Lakshman said, stressing on the need to produce more quality films.

Shivadhwaj Shetty and Lakshman said that Tulu cinema is yet to reach a level of maturity to stand on par with some other regional language films. The stakeholders of the industry should seriously think over it.

"By the time Tulu cinema crosses the 175th mark, the industry is likely to have attained a level of maturity," Lakshmana hoped, adding that unlike earlier years now audience are mature enough to judge a film based on the content and quality including the technical aspects. Hence a film maker will have to grow beyond formula.

Tulu has enough potential for producing movies that have a feel of the local language and culture, Shetty said adding that the strong content which the Tulu culture offers to filmmakers is yet to be exploited fully. It has enough potential to move forward by maintaining its own identity and there is also a need to create a new audience for Tulu movies, he said.

New Pamban bridge may miss its November deadline

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

The new Pamban railway sea bridge being built to connect Mandapam town on the mainland with Rameswaram on the Pamban Island in Tamil Nadu, may not be ready by November, railway officials said. The bridge is under construction since 2019.

After missing earlier deadlines in March and July this year, railway officials say they may not be able to finish the challenging project before the November deadline.

"There are 99 horizontal spans of 18.3 metres and one span of 72.5 metres along the length of the bridge. Of the 99 spans, 73 have been laid. Tracks on these spans have been laid too. However, in recent days, wind speed at the project site has increased making it difficult to work at a fast pace," a senior railway official told *The Hindu*.

The 72.5-metre span is a "lift-span" or a movable part of the bridge which will rise and let ships pass. "The lift-span has been assembled at the site. It now has to be erected. We need to erect the rest of the 26 spans too," the official said.

A view of the new Pamban bridge being built alongside the old railway bridge. L. BALACHANDAR

The new bridge is being built over geographically challenging terrain as it is located in a corrosive marine environment, which is also cyclone-prone, and is a high-wind velocity zone.

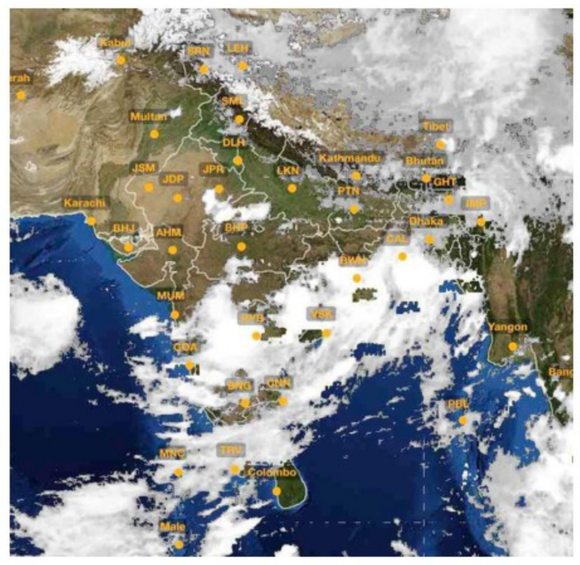
The railway bridge connects the mainland to Rameshwaram, the South Indian town which is also one of the four *Char Dham* pilgrimage sites along with Badrinath in the north, Dwarka in the west, and Puri in the east.

The 2.05-km bridge is being built by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited at a budget of ₹545 crore. It will replace the old Pamban Bridge, which is over a century-old. *The Hindu* had earlier reported that rail traffic on the old bridge had permanently stopped owing to safety concerns.

Historically, the railway line bifurcated after reaching the Pamban Island - one 10.06-km line leading towards Rameswaram and another branch line of 24 km terminating at Dhanushkodi. However, the Dhanushkodi line was destroyed by a cyclone in 1964.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over east Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Marathwada, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	32.8	25.5	Kozhikode	—	33.8	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	34.6	25.8	Kurnool	—	34.7	26.0
Aizawl	18	32.5	20.9	Lucknow	—	35.1	26.6
Allahabad	—	34.6	27.6	Madurai	—	37.4	25.1
Bengaluru	10	30.0	20.8	Mangaluru	3	29.6	23.6
Bhopal	—	—	24.7	Mumbai	19	31.7	25.7
Bhubaneswar	0.1	32.8	24.4	Mysuru	—	31.0	23.0
Chandigarh	—	35.5	25.5	New Delhi	—	37.2	27.3
Chennai	19	33.9	24.5	Patna	1	31.2	26.5
Coimbatore	—	33.6	23.5	Port Blair	—	32.0	25.2
Dehradun	0.6	33.6	22.4	Puducherry	—	34.7	26.8
Gangtok	11	19.2	17.2	Pune	—	31.4	22.3
Goa	76	31.2	23.5	Raipur	47	28.6	23.4
Guwahati	9	27.8	24.6	Ranchi	5	27.6	23.0
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	8	22.2	17.3
Hyderabad	7	29.0	24.0	Shimla	—	—	18.6
Imphal	43	29.9	20.6	Srinagar	—	29.3	15.3
Jaipur	—	36.0	26.9	Thiruvananthapuram	3	32.0	24.7
Kochi	11	30.8	25.6	Tiruchi	—	35.5	25.6
Kohima	18	20.6	17.4	Vijayawada	69	31.6	23.0
Kolkata	18	29.1	26.1	Visakhapatnam	0.7	32.3	26.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	39	47	62	88	
Bengaluru	9	30	72	77	109	
Chennai	3	117	113	—	40	
Delhi	—	15	113	126	104	
Hyderabad	14	16	49	40	75	
Kolkata	26	25	25	24	24	
Lucknow	6	20	61	42	45	
Mumbai	71	2	—	20	208	
Pune	132	215	110	27	24	
Visakhapatnam	—	—	44	—	—	—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 202 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BJP-JD(S) alliance close to being formalised with HDD, HDK set to meet top BJP leaders

Prime Minister Modi and JD(S) patriarch H.D. Deve Gowda may also hold direct talks, if required, says Kumaraswamy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The alliance between JD(S) and BJP ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha elections is close to being formalised as supremo of the regional party H.D. Deve Gowda and his son H.D. Kumaraswamy are in New Delhi to hold discussions with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president J.P. Nadda.

Many members of the Gowda clan, including elder son H.D. Revanna and grandsons Nikhil Kumaraswamy and Prajwal Revanna held preliminary discussion at the official residence of Mr. Deve Gowda. More leaders are likely to arrive in Delhi on Friday. Mr. Deve Gowda on Thursday also met Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.

JD(S) leader, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy

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Prior to leaving from Bengaluru to Delhi on Friday morning, Mr. Kumaraswamy said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Deve Gowda may also hold talks, if required. He hinted that a more concrete picture will emerge by Friday. Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, he said there has been no discussion on seat sharing between both parties till now. He said discussion will revolve around the current situation in all 28 (Lok Sabha) seats, what was the situation in the earlier election and what is the situation after the 2023 Assembly polls. The BJP had swept the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka, winning 25 seats, while an Independent (Sumalatha Ambareesh from Mandya) backed by the party also won. The Congress and JD (S) won one seat each. In the elections to the 224-member Assembly held in May 2023, the Congress bagged 135 seats, while the BJP secured 66 and the JD (S) 19.

Why realignment

The current political realignment in Karnataka ahead of the Parliamentary polls, JD(S) sources say, has been "necessitated" after the ruling Congress handed this bitter poll defeat to both BJP and JD(S), rendering them weaker.

The BJP currently looks clueless even after four months of government formation with the Leader of the Opposition yet to be appointed and the party State president to be replaced. The BJP is worried about its number of Lok Sabha seats dwindling if it goes alone to the polls. On the other, the JD(S) that draws its strength from the Vokkaligas saw its number of legislators almost halved from 2018, and seems to be vulnerable to poaching and split, especially from D.K. Shivakumar, a Vokkaliga, who helms the KPCC.

The JD(S) had earlier formed governments in coalition with the BJP for 20 months from January 2006, and with the Congress for 14 months from May 2018, with Mr. Kumaraswamy as the Chief Minister.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry land bearing **Survey Number 50/2, measuring 2 Acre 01 Guntas, situated at Chidravalli Village, Sosale Hobli, T.Naraseepura Taluk, Mysore District** and bounded on:
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IN THE COURT OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU
REVISION PETITION No.230/2018

Smt. B.K. Lalitha .....PETITIONER
- Vs. -
The Assistant Commissioner
Bangalore South Sub-Division,
BANGALORE - 560 009
and others .....RESPONDENTS
NOTICETO THE RESPONDENT NO.3

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Respondent No.3 Sri M. Thippaiah Aged about 57 years, S/o late G. Muniyappa R/a Bhuvanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

Whereas the Petitioner above named has preferred the above Revision Petition before the DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU against the Respondents Challenging order passed by the Respondent No.1 in favour of the Respondent No.3

You, Respondent No.3 in the above Revision Petition, hereby Noticed/ directed to appear before the DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU, either in person or by Pleader duly instructed to appear on your behalf to defend you and the said **Revision Petition is posted on 13/10/2023 at 3.00 p.m**

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the said day of hearing the above revision petition will be heard & determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this the **13th day of September 2023** at Bangalore Rural District Bengaluru.

Sd/-
BY ORDER OF COURT
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT
AT BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER
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2	Last Date to upload the Declaration in Annexure-B in the e-portal:	**03.10.2023 on or before 15.00 Hrs**
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Challenges in testing and treatment of rare diseases

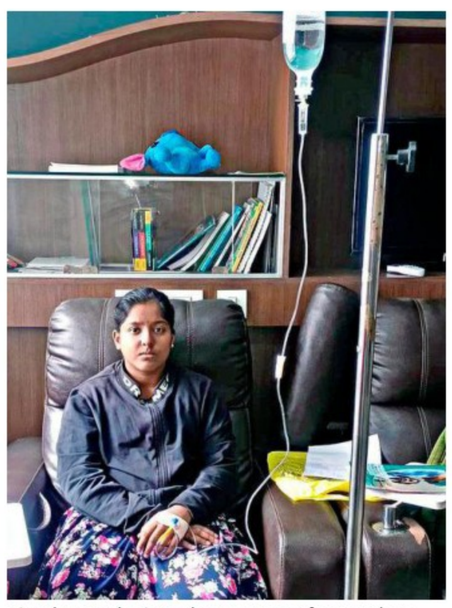
Treatment for six rare disease patients in Karnataka, under the Centre's grant of ₹50 lakh each, was stopped recently because the funding limit had been reached. While it has now partially resumed with money released from the Karnataka government, sustainable management and treatment remains a huge challenge. **Afshan Yasmeen** speaks to patients and families and takes an overview of the treatment scenario

Vinutha M. is a 23-year-old pharmacy student in the nondescript town of Nelamangala, about 30 kilometres northwest of Bengaluru. The life of this frail woman is a story of indomitable courage, resounding resilience, and unwavering determination not to be cowed down by a rare genetic disease that modern medicine has yet to find a cure for.

When she was nine, Vinutha's parents noticed that some of the worrying symptoms she always had – poor appetite and an intolerance for solid food – were worsening. "All through her childhood, we fed her just milk. She had a skinny body but a huge abdomen. In high school, she was embarrassed to attend class with a huge abdomen. The only consolation was that she had no neurological impairment," recalls her mother, Kalpana Murugesh.

They visited multiple hospitals and were even directed to the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology for a bone marrow test to rule out leukaemia. In 2011, doctors concluded that she had Wilson's Disease, a rare disorder that causes copper to accumulate in the liver, brain, and other vital organs. She was put on treatment for over two years. However, her condition did not show improvement.

After many more hospital visits and genetic tests, Vinutha was finally diagnosed with Gaucher Disease at the State-run Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH), Bengaluru, in 2016. Noting that she had spleen and liver enlargement, doctors advised a splenectomy, and she underwent the surgery the same year. "Doctors told us that her spleen weighed 3 kg after removal," her mother says, narrating the financial and mental agony the family went through.



Vinutha M. who is under treatment for Gaucher Disease.

Karnataka is regarded as a model State for the treatment of rare disease patients in India. Last week, the State enrolled its 100th patient for treatment at one of India's 11 Centres of Excellence for Rare Diseases (Centre for Human Genetics and IGICH, genetic testing and treatment institutions): Brithi, 6, who was diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) at the age of two and a half. According to a senior official in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Centre is planning to organise video conferences to facilitate sharing Karnataka's best practices with other CoERDs.

"Genetic testing has been offered for free to all patients at IGICH for the last 15 years. Karnataka was the first State to initiate treatment of rare diseases in 2016, even when there was no policy in place," says Dr. Sanjeeva G.N., professor of Paediatrics at IGICH and CoERD nodal officer. Since then, the Karnataka government has spent ₹60 crore on the treatment of 50 patients, he adds. Besides, it has also been supporting those with Primary Immune Deficiency. "In the last one and half decades, nearly 40,000 families have been diagnosed and counselled at this CoERD in Bengaluru," the doctor says.

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> Associate Director at the Centre for Human Genetics

Sanjeeva G.N., Professor of Paediatrics at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health and nodal officer of Centre of Excellence for Rare Diseases, and Meenakshi Bhat, Associate Director at the Centre for Human Genetics.

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The Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health in Bengaluru.

Policy decisions

In March 2021, the Union Health Ministry came out with the National Rare Disease Policy. Although Vinutha was put on enzyme replacement therapy at the IGICH in 2016 with the help of State funds, her hope of a sustainable treatment was rekindled.

The policy was amended in May 2022, and the one-time monetary aid of ₹20 lakh per patient, announced for only Group 1 patients (who need one-time treatment), was revised to one-time assistance of ₹50 lakh per patient for all groups of rare diseases. While Group 2 diseases can be managed through dietary supplements, Group 3 diseases – like the one Vinutha has – have approved therapy and clinical evidence of patients leading quality lives post-therapy. Treatment is lifelong for this category.

This amendment was made after the Supreme Court dismissed a Special Leave Petition filed by the Central government in September 2021, seeking to quash a Karnataka High Court order. In its April 23, 2021, order, the Karnataka High Court had directed the Central and State governments to provide IGICH ₹3 crore and ₹2 crore, respectively, to continue the treatment of 25 rare disease patients in Karnataka.

The funds under the policy were released to the country's CoERDs in February 2023. Vinutha's treatment continued with these funds from the Centre since March, but it was abruptly stopped in May, as the ₹50 lakh grant sanctioned for her treatment was exhausted.

She is not alone. In Karnataka, treatment has stopped for five other Group 3 patients at IGICH – Revathi B., Rachita G., Aishwarya S., and two others who did not want their names revealed – as their grant has been exhausted. However, "Of the six patients, we have restarted treatment for two with State funds and hope to soon resume for the rest," says Dr. Sanjeeva.

Chronic and debilitating

The diseases in Group 3 are Lysosomal Storage Disorders (LSDs) that are severe, chronic, debilitating, and fatal. They include Gaucher, Pompe, Fabry, and Mucopolysaccharidosis type I (MPS I, also known as Hurler syndrome) and MPS II (also known as Hunter syndrome).

As these conditions often require long-term, specialised treatment and chronic management, they leave a catastrophic impact on the entire family, physically, emotionally, and monetarily. This group of rare diseases particularly impacts children, causing 35% of deaths before one year, 10% between the ages of one and five years, and 12% between five and 15 years.

"My last IV infusion was on May 6, and until last week, my treatment had stopped. I needed 19 vials a month, and my parents couldn't afford the treatment. Last week, doctors at IGICH were kind enough to arrange for an infusion with seven vials. I was told it was through the Karnataka government funds," says Vinutha, who has continued her studies through all this and is now pursuing a master's degree in Pharmacy.

"At this point, all we are asking is continuity of treatment for my daughter. We do not know what will happen to her after our death," her distraught mother says.

Between two States

However, sustaining the life-long treatment of rare disease patients – especially in Group 3 – remains challenging. Hidden from the spotlight of mainstream medical attention, they grapple with some extraordinary challenges, as Rachita's case illustrates.

Diagnosed with Gaucher, this 21-year-old daughter of a farmer couple – Lokanath and Tanuja – from Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh, has a hearing impairment apart from a cardiac issue. Due to her health condition, she was never sent to school. Her uncle, Madhusudan, her local guardian in Bengaluru, brought her to IGICH and her treatment started under the Centre's ₹50 lakh grant in March.

"She has hardly got seven enzyme replacement therapy infusion cycles, with seven vials in each cycle. Her monthly infusion of two cycles was split and given in June and July, with three vials in each cycle. She had just adjusted to the therapy and had shown slight improvement when her funds were exhausted. Doctors told us she cannot be treated with funds from the Karnataka government as she is from a neighbouring State. We do not know what to do," Madhusudan says.

Cost factor

Pointing out that the treatment cost is very high and variable, based on the individual disorder and body weight of the patient, Dr. Sanjeeva cites the example of Gaucher. "The annual treatment cost for a child weighing 10 kg with Gaucher would be approximately ₹28 lakh (as per current price). The cost escalates as the child grows. Decreasing the dosage after clinical and lab stabilisation is possible, especially in Gaucher disease. This helps in sustaining the treatment for these patients."

He says while the government is putting in immense efforts, much more needs to be done to establish a sustainable funding mechanism. "We urge philanthropists and corporate companies to come forward and donate to this cause. They can use their CSR funds and adopt a patient with a rare disease," Dr. Sanjeeva suggested.

Exclusive programme

A top official from the Union Health Ministry, who did want to be quoted, says discussions are on to convert the National Policy on Rare Diseases into a programme. He says such a move is essential to institutionalise the treatment of rare diseases under an exclusive programme.

Meenakshi Bhat, associate director at the Centre for Human Genetics, agrees on sustainable funding that ensures continued treatment. She says Karnataka has led the way in the treatment of rare diseases.

"The State government was the first in the country to fund therapy for rare diseases in 2016, making way for positive developments here since. However, it is critical that these initiatives are maintained and further expanded to support affordable genetic diagnosis, help in early identification by newborn screening and prenatal diagnosis programmes," she points out, adding that working together is important.

Non-utilisation of funds

Meanwhile, patient advocacy groups are unhappy over the non-utilisation of the Centre's funds released to some of the designated CoERDs to provide diagnosis and treatment.

L. Hanumanthaiah, Congress MP from Karnataka, who has been consistently raising the issue in the Rajya Sabha, wrote to the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on August 7 this year, expressing grave concern over the inordinate delay by several CoERDs to start treatment of rare disease patients. The letter, signed by 20 like-minded MPs, also brought to the Minister's notice the lack of sustainable funding support for rare diseases.

"The languid pace displayed by a majority of the Centres of Excellence for Rare Diseases (CoERDs) has caused immense anxiety to several hundred patients and their families, to the extent that some have now stopped following up with their CoERDs, while many others said they are left with no option but to wait for the inevitable," he says in the letter.

"The Ministry has disbursed close to ₹72 crore to 11 CoERDs since October 2022. However, only 33 patients belonging to Group 3 (a) have been put on treatment, while the total number of patients registered on the [Centre's] crowdfunding portal [rarediseases.mohfw.gov.in] is 912. As per reports coming in from patients of several States, the situation at several CoERDs continues to be poor, with no urgency being shown and not a single Group 3 patient having benefited so far from the funding support," the letter says.

It says that approximately 20 children are reported to have lost their lives in the last few months awaiting treatment support.

Toy libraries might be a nascent concept in India, but these individuals are striving to give children access to a range of toys without parents stressing over hefty bills and storage space

Island of shared toys

Share market Toy libraries offer children the opportunity to experience a variety of toys, encourage sharing and social interaction. GETTY IMAGES

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In mid-2020, Bengaluru-based Vikram Madhusudhan found his home, and that of his friends', cluttered with toys but their children glued to screens. The father of a 2.5-year-old son then, he decided to quit his job as a quality manager at Boeing to pursue his entrepreneurial aspirations. Two years later, Vikram with his brother-in-law, Bhanu Teja, launched Toyflix (toyflix.in), a toy library that specialises in STEM and educational toys.

"I realised I was spending a lot of money on toys, and I was reluctant to part with them due to their sentimental value. The children, however, lost interest in them in a few days," he says, adding that due to a child's short attention span, parents are hesitant to invest in educational toys crucial for brain development.

These were the exact two reasons that prompted Sameena Shaikh to start Bundle of Joy last year. The mother of two says the idea sprung from a conversation she had with her mother about a popular baby rocker she bought for her son who was born during the second wave of the pandemic. "I put a lot of effort into the purchase as it wasn't available in India, but my baby didn't take to it. This is the same with toys as they get bored of them fast, so I figured renting them would be easier," says Sameena.

The pioneers

Despite such young players entering the market, the concept of toy libraries is still nascent in India. Bhakti Shah, a pioneer of sorts who launched ThinkBox (thinkbox.co.in) in 2008, says such initiatives are yet to find takers due to poor awareness among the public. A software engineer by profession, she left her job after her son's birth in 2000. "From my earlier visits to Europe and the US, I recall a seven-storey public library in Copenhagen that had a section for Hindu music LPs!" says Bhakti who started her library for books and toys in a 100 square foot rented shop with 500 books and 200 toys.

Today, ThinkBox operates from a one-bedroom apartment with a catalogue boasting over 10,000 books and 800 toys.

Neha Jindal, who started a franchise of Mumbai-based Unnati Books and Toy Library (unnatilibrary.com) in 2016, agrees that the concept is yet to pick up in India. "Play as a form of learning is a fairly new concept in our country, and most parents don't look at toys as essential for a child's development, but only as a source of entertainment."

Learning with variety

With over 2000 subscriptions in Bengaluru today, Vikram sees several reasons behind parents opting for toy libraries. "They offer a cost-effective alternative to purchasing new toys, and give children access to a diverse selection," he says, adding, "Parents can rotate toys regularly, ensuring their children always have something new to play with."

At Bundle of Joy, products are available to rent on a weekly or monthly basis, as opposed to the membership model most libraries follow. "We have a premium collection of toys and baby accessories that aren't available in India or are too expensive. Thus, parents prefer renting them," says Sameena, 32.

The convenience factor plays a role too. Most brands offer home delivery services, and video consultations to pick toys.

Cut to the challenges

Despite the many advantages toy libraries hold, why are they yet to gain a foothold among parents? Vikram says a primary reason they are not popular is due to the "strong emphasis of ownership and possession" in India. "Sharing toys through a toy library may not align with this cultural mindset of individual ownership," he says, adding that concerns about the hygiene of shared toys are a hindrance. Which is why toys are sanitised and delivered in their original packaging by most players.

Bhakti believes that such initiatives are marred by the rise in disposable incomes. "Parents don't spend enough time with their children, and resort to buying toys as a replacement for time." They also do not want the added responsibility of taking care of rented toys, she adds. "Even if one piece of a puzzle is lost, it's rendered useless."

However, the common challenge for all players lies in raising awareness for toy libraries that, by nature, do not have marketing budgets.

Colour me mime

On the International Week of the Deaf, we explore Museum of Art and Photography's various disabled-friendly initiatives

Art for all Quiet Room has a comfortable couch, a thick blanket, yellow lights whose intensity can be adjusted, and noise-cancelling headphones. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Sneha, a student in the VIII grade at the Sheila Kothavala Institute for the Deaf, experiences challenges in accessing most public spaces in Bengaluru. She needs the help of a sign language interpreter to gather and process information at the educational and cultural centres she visits. Unfortunately, most such places in the city are not disabled-friendly.

Sneha was, however, pleased to be at the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) on September 20 (during the International Week of the Deaf, which is celebrated annually by the global Deaf Community in the last week of September each year). At the entrance, a video in Indian Sign Language (ISL) welcomed her and her friends to the museum. They could avail of the hearing loops. They also had an ISL expert facilitating a workshop.

Apart from the ISL reception and hearing loops, the museum has thoughtfully designed its exhibits to be accessible to individuals in wheelchairs. Notable infrastructure enhancements include the installation of double handrails at varying heights to accommodate diverse needs and the addition of Braille floor numbers in elevators.

Their commitment to inclusivity extends to their online content, where ISL interpretation and subtitles are provided for events and videos. An inclusive museum guide has been developed, complete with alternate text (Alt text) and captions for compatibility with screen readers. This Alt text describes images and aids visually impaired users. The museum guide is available in 25 languages, including Kannada, Hindi, and Bengali.

As part of the International Week for Deaf People, MAP is also screening Niharika Popli's documentary, *If I Could Tell You*, which includes diverse perspectives from deaf and queer communities.

Poetry in motion

Swartaal brings together three artistes from varied classical backgrounds

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Jagirti, Whitefield, presents a three-day dance and music festival called Swartaal. The festival, curated by artistic director of Jagriti, Rebecca Spurgeon, will feature performances by Prithvi Nayak, a student of Bijayini Satpathy, who trained in Nrityagram and has also been a part of the dance school's ensemble. She is currently transitioning as a solo performer and will open the festival.

The festival will also feature a music concert by Sangeetha Sivakumar, a senior Carnatic musician with a career spanning three decades. She has also been a part of the core team that organises the Chennai Kalai Theru Vizha (previously known as Urur Olcott Kuppam Vizha), a Chennai-based festival that is aimed at breaking down barriers and equalising space for the arts.

The festival ends with Katha, Kahaniya and Guftagu by Priyadarshini Ghosh. A trained Mohiniattam dancer, she took extensive training under the legendary Kalanidhi Narayanan for *abhinaya* and is a Chau dancer in the Seraikella form and a student of Shashadhar Acharya.

"When it comes to curating a festival such as this, one needs to also have a deep understanding

Women take centre stage Rebecca Spurgeon, (below) Prithvi Nayak. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

of what Jagriti as a theatre stands for," says Rebecca, who is organising the festival for the third time for Jagriti and has been with them for 12 years now.

While curating the festival, Rebecca says she wanted to make sure that it brought women artistes to the fore. "That is something that I keep returning to as a theatre artiste. Even as a young girl, seeing women take the stage had a strong impact on me. Over the years, I have looked up to so many women performers and I wanted to have women at the centre for this festival."

Stressing the need to keep abreast of the varied creative works around, Rebecca says she consumes a lot of art and culture from across India. "I have known all these artistes for quite some time now. I was drawn to Prithvi's work because she asks questions and brings out interpretations in her dance. Her passion is what made us choose her to open the festival."

The aim, Rebecca says, was not to provide a run-of-the-mill festival. "We wanted to bring something new to the audience and this newness is what we saw in Sangeetha. She has carved out a space for herself in the world of music. She is so sure of who she is, which also comes forth strongly in her performance."

Priyadarshini, Rebecca says is an artiste and an academician. "She combines theatre, dance and music."

All three shows begin at 7.30pm at Jagriti, Whitefield between September 22 and 24. Tickets are available on BookMyShow.

STEPOUT

Musical tribute

Mitra Mandal Bengaluru presents Swarnaad's Ashaye, an evening of music featuring Asha Bhonsle songs on September 22 from 6.30-9.30pm. On September 23, there will be a dance tribute to Lata Mangeshkar titled Nrutyanjali-Gaankokilas from 6pm-8pm. Actor Anand Ingale will be in talks with fellow actor Ramesh Damle at 10am on September 24, and will conclude with lunch (only by registration) on Sept 24.
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Guilt free

Kolkata-based FleaEvents India founded by Mrittika Saha is coming to the city with the eighth edition of Festive Edit, a sustainably curated exhibition. Sustainable products such as home decor, jewellery, textiles and more, from different states will be on display. *On September 23 and 24 at Bangalore International Centre from 12noon-8pm. Entry free.*

Voice over

Attend a voice analysis workshop, which caters to a diverse range of voice artistes, singers, theatre practitioners, public speakers, radio jockeys to name a few. Abinav Sridharan will be the designer and facilitator of the workshop. You will get to explore your voice, its range, and acquire essential techniques for vocal agility. *At Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar, on September 23 and 24.*

Silent killer

India must get more people to keep blood pressure under control

Globally, hypertension affects one in three individuals and four out of five do not have it adequately controlled, according to the first World Health Organization (WHO) report on hypertension released on September 19. It is a grim reminder that countries have done little to keep the biggest risk factor for death and disability under check despite the easy availability of inexpensive medicines. Uncontrolled blood pressure (over 140/90) is a main risk factor for cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks and stroke, and the most common cause of disease and death. It is important to note that health risks associated with hypertension do not begin at over 140/90. Instead, they operate in a continuum even below what is classified as clinical hypertension, especially in people who are diabetic, are obese, and those who consume tobacco and alcohol. Hence, reports on hypertension levels in the population underestimate the cumulative risk of high blood pressure. In the WHO report that relies on 2019 data, 188 million Indians adults aged 30-79 years have hypertension. Of them, the condition has been diagnosed only in 37%, 30% are treated and a meagre 15% of people have hypertension under control. Women appear to be marginally better than men in having the condition diagnosed, treated and controlled. Based on sketchy data from parts of India, stroke incidence was found to be 108-172 per 1,00,000 people per year and the one-month case fatality rate was 18%-42%, as per a February 2022 study. In the Global Burden of Disease report, in 2019, heart attack was the leading cause of death and disability in India.

Studies have shown that excess salt consumption (over five grams a day) is responsible for 17%-30% of hypertension. While member States are required to achieve a 30% relative reduction in mean population intake of salt by 2025, India is yet to implement many components of WHO's prescription to cut down salt intake. A study in four Indian States published in 2021 found high salt and sugar content in packaged food items. Making front-of-pack nutrition labelling mandatory, encouraging reformulation of foods to cut down salt, and raising awareness in people to reduce salt intake should be urgently undertaken. India has, however, done well in improving blood pressure control in people with hypertension through the novel India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI). Launched in 2018, the IHCI has successfully enrolled 5.8 million hypertensive patients for treatment in 27 States, as of June 2023. Importantly, 48% of patients enrolled at primary health centres and 55% at health wellness centres achieved blood pressure control as of March 2021. It is now important to greatly increase the number of hypertensive people on treatment and keep blood pressure under control.

Gold hunt

India is hoping to put up its best showing yet in Asiad

Delayed by a year owing to COVID-19 restrictions in China, the 19th Asian Games officially begin in Hangzhou on Saturday. First held in Delhi in 1951, the latest Asiad will have nearly 12,500 athletes, a lot more than the 11,000 at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. Athletes in Hangzhou will be competing in 40 sports, including breakdancing and esports which will make their debut in the 16-day event. There are sports too such as xiangqi and go which could make many turn to search engines on the Internet. In a few sports, including hockey, archery, tennis and boxing, the Asiad will also offer Olympic qualification spots for Paris 2024. China is a giant, topping the medal table at the Games every time from 1982 when India hosted it for the second time, again in Delhi. At the last Asiad, in Jakarta 2018, China finished on top with 289 medals, including 132 gold, while Japan (205 medals) and South Korea (177) took the next two spots. Jakarta was a very fruitful Asiad for India as it finished with a record medal haul of 70 medals which included 16 gold. Expectations are high this time too with the Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur hoping for 100 medals and Indian Olympic Association President P.T. Usha – a medal machine herself at these Games in the mid-1980s – predicting a best-ever Asiad for the country.

With adequate government support, better facilities and many exposure trips abroad, India, with more than 650 athletes, does look strong. Athletics is the big hope once again. For the first time, India will go into an Asiad with an Olympic and World champion in javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, and his battle with Pakistan's Worlds silver medallist Arshad Nadeem could be one of the highlights. Neeraj has made Indians believe that they could conquer the world and this could be the reason for three javelin throwers finishing among the top six at the Budapest Worlds where the Indian men's 4x400m relay team also made history by finishing fifth and bettering its own Asian record. A few weeks ago, Jeswin Aldrin and M. Sreeshankar were the number one and two in this year's world long jump list while triple jumper Praveen Chithravel was also on an impressive rung. But many of the Indian athletes did not live up to expectations in Budapest, and Hangzhou offers a chance for redemption. Hockey, where the Indian men and women's teams are the Asiad's highest ranked sides, offers hopes of bringing gold while cricket, where India is making its Asiad debut, shooting and badminton are among the sports that have raised hopes of a golden show.

Propelling India's development the right way

'Aim for the moon' is a byword for any venture marked by extreme ambition bordering on the foolhardy. When India started space research in the 1960s, many thought it was being reckless: a struggling, young nation sinking some of its limited resources in a highly uncertain enterprise. Today, however, even the last of the naysayers must be convinced. In a matter of a few days, India became the first nation to land a rover on the south pole of the moon, followed up with a mission to study the sun. Yet, this is also the moment to revisit a nagging concern. How do such stellar achievements stand alongside the persistence of poverty and destitution for millions of Indians?

Even before the government set up the Indian Space Research Organization in 1969, the country was having a significant research programme in space science. It was then coordinated by the Department of Atomic Energy, which itself had been founded in the early 1950s. These were certainly not isolated initiatives. Between 1951 and 1961, India established five Indian Institutes of Technology, which in no time grew into globally respected academic centres. The first two Indian Institutes of Management were inaugurated in 1961. During the two decades of the 1950s and 1960s, a number of public sector units were established in diverse areas of industrial production that included steel, fertilizer, machine tools, electric machinery, drug production, and petrochemicals.

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Technology to remedy underdevelopment

Taken together, these public investments show that India was determined to become a serious player in advanced technologies of the time despite the multifold challenges facing the young nation. New technologies, it was believed, would quicken the pace of development of the country, which had suffered from two centuries of colonialism. Vikram Sarabhai, the leader of India's space programme, had envisioned – this was in the early 1960s – that satellites could be used for building a nationwide telephone system and for providing agricultural and health education. In fact the momentous steps India had taken in the decades immediately after Independence may be characterised as a 'moonshot' approach to development – deploying modern industrialisation to shake off the ills of the past.

However, India's moonshot development strategy was only partially successful. It has also been the subject of much criticism from certain quarters, over the years. One was for its heavy reliance on public investment. Two, the investments were being 'misdirected', according to some economists. Being a labour surplus country, they argue, India should have stuck to its comparative advantages in labour-intensive industries, such as garments or footwear, rather than squandering the country's scarce savings in capital- and technology-intensive industries.

> Giving India's masses the social and the human capabilities required for upward mobility will be the equivalent of a lunar takeoff in economic progress

But the time needed for a new technology to come to fruition is too long, and the initial effort required is too steep, that it is unlikely to expect a private player to lead the moves to acquire it. There have been many misses for India's space mission, especially in the initial decades. A key factor behind the programme's eventual success has been public funding, which did not waver for lack of short-term commercial viability. It is not only that the benefits from a technology are long in coming, but they are also difficult to be kept exclusive for private profiteering. Consider, for instance, the Internet. It is precisely because of the 'public good' nature of technologies that public sector support becomes crucial for developing them. Needless to say, the Internet emerged from a research programme funded by the United States government, with military objectives, in the late 1950s.

In India, the technological capabilities built through state support provided the base for the flourishing of private enterprise in many sectors, including pharmaceuticals, information technology, and the space sector too (more of it likely in the years ahead). Professionals, who were earlier trained in India's public universities, have found leadership positions globally, which has deepened India's strategic importance.

Inequalities, a hurdle for progress

The lacklustre record for India's development strategy then was not on account of the government doing too much in the area of technology building. But, on the contrary, it was because the state or the government could not intervene effectively to reduce inequalities or ensure social development. Independent India did not implement a successful programme of land redistribution. Ownership of assets continues to be very low among the socially oppressed communities, including Dalits or the Scheduled Caste (SC) population. For the downtrodden, disadvantages due to the lack of assets translate into hurdles in acquiring education, given that India has consistently underinvested in basic education for the masses. As a result, the historically determined inequalities in the social spheres get replicated in the labour market, with the better-paying jobs going more to the privileged groups who have had greater access to higher education. In 2021-22, 38.2% of all SC workers were 'casual', earning their livelihoods mostly out of hard manual labour; the corresponding proportion was 11.2% for workers belonging to the ('other') general category castes (Periodic Labour Force Survey data). The contrast with the East Asian countries, including Japan and China, is notable. There, by the 1950s itself, land reforms and other measures had created a relatively egalitarian social structure, which formed the basis for the progressive economic and social changes in the later years.

The persistence of inequalities has negatively impacted industrial and economic growth in India. Domestic demand has been lopsided, coming as it does largely from the upper income classes, who constitute only a small, though substantial in absolute numbers, segment of the population. This has slowed down the growth of manufacturing of high-quality, mass-consumption goods, including food products and garments. Entrepreneurship too has emerged from a narrow social base.

Reinstate state support

Looking forward, we need to have a clear recognition of what went wrong, and where we got it right, with the ambitious development strategy India launched immediately after Independence. The audacious attempt to build technological and industrial capabilities with generous state support was the correct thing to do. The country must reinstate such efforts if it has to stand a chance in fast-growing economic fields, be it semiconductors or biotechnology. After 1991, India abandoned planning for industrial growth assuming, mistakenly, that there is no role for industrial policy in a globalised economy. It will be costly to continue with that error now, at a time when both the United States and China are lavishing government support for their industries.

At the same time, India must redouble efforts to make economic growth more inclusive and broad-based. Education, especially higher education, should be accessible to all, including the dispossessed.

India's mission to use technology to propel itself to a higher level of development is half won. Now if the country's billion-strong masses acquire the social and the human capabilities required for upward mobility, that will be the equivalent of a lunar takeoff in economic progress.

A light-bulb moment for the Indian fan market

Even in the humid weather of August and September, as in the dry heat of May, the ceiling fan continues to provide comfort to many in India. The ceiling fan market is undergoing a churn too, driven by policy imperatives and a regulation change. But the fan market must learn from the successes and hiccups of the light-emitting diode (LED) bulb story. The policy imperative driving the change in the fan market is energy transition in a world that must grow sustainably with changing climate. India's goal of reducing harmful emissions per unit of GDP, by 45% by 2030, relative to 2005, requires a sharp reduction in the energy consumed for economic activity. Households account for nearly a third of all electricity consumed in India, and ceiling fans, used by 90% of households, as per a Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) survey of 2020, represent about a quarter of household electricity consumption. The India Cooling Action Plan projects that the number of fans in use in India could grow to a billion by 2038, from about 500 million now, as incomes grow along with average temperatures.

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The 'star rating' programme

Given the importance of fans, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), India's energy efficiency regulator under the Union Ministry of Power, made the Standards and Labelling (S&L) programme, popularly known as the 'star-rating' programme, mandatory for ceiling fans in May 2022. This was a long-awaited shift from the voluntary programme implemented in 2009. But '5-star' fans (the star rating) cost twice as much as typical unrated fans – not a small barrier to adoption in India's price-sensitive market. To tackle this, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is planning a demand aggregation programme to sell 10 million '5-star' ceiling fans. The programme hopes to transform the fans market much like it did for LED lamps under the famous Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) programme. The UJALA programme, launched in 2015, helped reduce the price of LED lamps from ₹400 to ₹90 in a span of three to four years. But ceiling fans are a more complex appliance than LEDs. Here are four measures for a sustainable and beneficial transformation of the fans market.

> The lessons from India's LED revolution can help the country's growing ceiling fan market

Steps to a transformation

First, maintain a technology-agnostic policy. Demand aggregation is most effective when a single technology specification is procured in bulk. In the case of LEDs, it was the nine-watt white light LED bulb. But fans have a wider spectrum of technology, each with its own trade-offs. A policy that covers more than one specification would be more cost-effective in the long run. A typical ceiling fan uses the time-tested induction motor, which is rugged but may have limits on energy performance. The newer kid on the block, the brushless DC (BLDC) motor, is the only commercially available technology so far that meets the '5-star' performance benchmark. But it has a high import dependency for components. Other motor designs are either underdeveloped, too costly, or have an even higher import dependence. As BEE's regulation change kickstarts innovation, demand aggregation under a technology-agnostic policy must let manufacturers offer different technologies to consumers so that they can compete and market transformation is cost-effective. EESL's intent to create a platform for demand aggregation is a welcome step in this direction.

Second, manage the balance between price reduction and quality. The intense pressure on price on LEDs during the UJALA programme led to lower-quality products entering the market, with higher failure rates. A 2019 study found that half the LED brands were non-compliant with safety standards. While replacing a bulb is easy and cheap, replacing a ceiling fan is inconvenient and costly. Low-quality products could lead to a deficit of consumers' trust in the new technology, prompting them to revert to the old. To make the transition more sustainable, demand aggregation programmes must let the market actors determine the trajectory of price reduction rather than enforcing it.

Boosting domestic manufacture

Third, foster high-quality domestic manufacturing capacity for high-efficiency fans. While the growth of the LED market spawned new manufacturers and brands, India arguably missed the bus on maintaining the quality of local manufacturing and reducing import dependence for components. India can leverage its massive domestic market to achieve economies of scale for finished products and components, and expand into the export market. India already exported about five million fans in 2021, primarily to the United Arab Emirates, Nepal, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Iraq. As more countries enforce minimum energy performance standards for fans, Indian quality and performance standards must be updated to align with international ones to ensure that manufacturers are competitive.

And, finally, dedicate resources to strengthening the standard and labelling programme. At least 30% of India's ceiling fans market may be unorganised. This segment is likely to be a late adopter of new technologies and will keep selling cheaper, inefficient fans to price-sensitive or unassuming consumers in the meantime. BEE and its State designated agencies must use their market monitoring powers to ensure that products with authentic energy performance labels reach consumers, non-compliant models are taken out of the market, and barriers to selling new energy-efficient models are lowered.

Fans are undergoing their first major phase of disruption in decades. Energy-efficient fans can not only help the vulnerable population get access to a critical service for coping with events of extreme heat with lower electricity bills, but are also central to India's clean energy transition and can play a part in its economic growth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women in governance

How far the Women's Reservation Bill will help improve the lot of women in general is a matter of debate. Women's empowerment should not be restricted to lauding reservation for women in Parliament or State legislatures, but by the actual empowerment wherein they are protected against assault, trafficking, and other abuse. Educating and empowering girls and equal treatment at home will go a long way in empowering women.

Veena Shenoy,
Thane, Maharashtra

Passing the Bill is fine. However, it is the patriarchal nature of our society that needs to undergo a sea change in order to accept the concept of significant female participation in all sectors of governance. Although women's representation is about 40% to 50% in local bodies in some States, actual governance is often controlled by men working alongside them. We should aim at reaching about 50% participation by women in governance.

Somasundaran Chakkambath,
Nadathara, Thrissur, Kerala

Row with Canada

The confrontation with Canada over the suspected role of Indian government agents in the killing of a Khalistani separatist leader is the biggest foreign policy challenge being faced by the present government. The political compulsions which are forcing both sides to act the way they are aside, this row will give us an idea of who India's real friends are. The G-20 summit provided a great photo opportunity for us to show that we have arrived on the world scene, with global leaders swearing by India and its potential. Now is the time to check whether they are paying lip service or are ready to forgo traditional allegiances.

Sharada Sivaram,
Ernakulam, Kerala

Muscular diplomacy should not be at the cost of the interests of lakhs of Indian students and migrants hoping for a better education and future in Canada. Moreover, as a wise reader of some other newspaper has rightly posed, why should we even use "Khalistan" in our diplomatic communication or in the media as no such country exists in the world or is recognised by them?

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Is the Opposition's decision to boycott certain news anchors justified?

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PARLEY

The INDIA bloc recently announced that it would boycott 14 television news anchors as it did not did not want to legitimise a "hate-filled narrative." It said that no representatives from the parties of the alliance will appear on the shows helmed by these anchors. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said that the move showed an "Emergency-era mindset," while news broadcasters associations accused the Opposition of intolerance, undermining democracy, and setting a dangerous precedent. Is the Opposition's stand justified? Barkha Dutt and Abhinandan Sekhri discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Priscilla Jebaraj.** Edited excerpts:

What is the purpose of this boycott and do you think that the boycott will fulfil that purpose? What precedent does this set?

Barkha Dutt: First, it is important to know that boycotts have always existed. There have been de facto boycotts; this is a de jure boycott. What do we mean by a boycott? We mean that an individual, a group of individuals, an entity, or a political party will not talk to another journalist or an organisation that the journalist represents. In different phases, I have been boycotted by different politicians of both sides of the ideological divide. This is just the context. Now, in terms of this particular list of anchors, it is important to separate those accused of hate-mongering from those accused of bias. The media is, for a large part, also polarised into this or that camp, so this bunching together of hate and bias is confused and confusing.

Second, the Opposition says it is taking on hate, and it has named these 14 anchors. But it has not named their editors or promoters. If you're really serious about contending hate, what are you actually achieving by going after an anchor whose 'pro-hate policy' would not exist if his or her editor or promoter didn't allow it?

Last, in general I'm not a fan of cancel culture. I think TV news is pretty dismal in our country. There is a lot of hate on our prime time that needs to be called out. But I'm not sure whether this is the best way of doing so.

Abhinandan Sekhri: As Barkha said, boycotts have always existed; should they be public or not is the question. I don't think there is anything wrong with issuing this list. Why do politicians appear on shows? It is to propagate their ideology, it is their marketing strategy... If they are not achieving that, why would they go on that show? Politicians should have stopped going on these shows a long time ago. Is there any point at which politicians of any ideology should stop going on a show? Or should they never stop going, no matter what happens, even if there is a call for genocide? I'm sure for most of your listeners, there is a cut-off point. Now, the question is, are we there yet?

There are not many avenues for the media to be held accountable. In an imperfect world, the media can't say 'we should be treated perfectly.' [Broadcast] media isn't dented or slightly compromised; it is broken. I have no sympathy for any media professional who wants to be treated with kid gloves.

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There has been a lot of talk about an Emergency-era mindset. Is that fair?

BD: First, I just want to say that I don't feel sympathy for anybody on this purported list. [It is wrong] to suggest that the fact that I have some scepticism about the purpose of this list translates into, 'I feel bad for these people.' I don't. I agree that the media model and purpose, at least in broadcast media, is broken.

I also feel that this phrase about an 'Emergency-era' is used by everybody today, whenever it suits them. What we should really be talking about is the absence of a media culture. We have not been able to deepen or grow roots for a media that will institutionally guarantee you your right of access to public figures. There is a kind of lazy judgmentalism with this phrase 'access journalism'. And sure, if you mean that journalists and politicians are too close to be able to talk about each other objectively, that's bad. But I am talking about the right to access my sources. As a reporter, I need to be able to talk to people, to go to places, to talk to officials in the government. When you do not have an institutional culture that guarantees you that access, you cannot report sitting in your studio. What we really need to talk about is the absence of that culture. The fact that today, the BJP doesn't talk to who it doesn't like, the Congress doesn't talk to who it doesn't like... that's what we should be questioning. How have we reached that point? And why is it so okay, with large sections of the media boasting about their access to one camp or the other?

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> **BARKHA DUTT**

And why are we not calling out the elephant in the room – the promoters and editors of these networks? If we believe that these are hate-mongering anchors, they exist because their promoter and editor has allowed them to exist. But nobody wants to have that conversation. Because the truth is that politicians do not want to lose their television time beyond a point.

The response to this action indicates a wider distrust of sections of the news media, especially television news. How did we get to this point of loss of trust and credibility?

AS: That is a very long story. For one, it is a worldwide phenomenon. For example, [former U.S. President Donald] Trump is not even going to participate in the presidential primary debates because he feels that he will not benefit as much as his competitors will benefit from appearing on the same stage as him. So, I think politicians have realised that when they can incorporate or actually get a certain media ecosystem into their campaign team, they will not speak to anybody else. So, in such an environment, it is but natural...

There are certain problems that don't have immediate solutions. Solutions will evolve as the ecosystem evolves, as citizens become more aware and their expectations from their politicians and the media changes. Most importantly, I think the change has to come from those who are most impacted by it, which is news professionals. And like Barkha said, the buck must stop with owners and editors. We cannot expect politicians or political parties or governments to stand up for the principles when we ourselves do not want to be held accountable. In the U.S., for example, the First Amendment guaranteeing free speech is dear to them, whether it is a citizen or whether it is a journalist. That extends to the larger ecosystem of sponsorships. For example, when Breitbart News crossed the line on anti-Semitism, it lost some 22 sponsors overnight. Tucker Carlson's show was off. [In India], that expectation is not there – from citizens or viewers or indeed from us news professionals – even when there is outright hate being spewed on TV. The solution is not a one line or two line or a white paper. It will evolve as the expectations of our citizenry and of our news consumers evolve.

Do you think there are any specific steps to be taken to rebuild credibility in journalism, especially television news?

BD: I think a lot of the lack of quality is about the lack of boots-on-the-ground reporting. A lot of this could be changed if there were alternative revenue models to do content. Some of us in the digital space are making that attempt, where we have to adjust to the idea that we don't have to be mammoth to be impactful. We need to resolve this question: how do we make news and the news media self-sustaining in the long run, where news can pay for itself?

No matter where you go, people will crib non-stop about the media in general and about television media in particular. Then I turn around and say, but do you watch it? And they say, oh, sometimes on mute, sometimes for entertainment. We say these [channels] are all TRP chasers, but you are the TRP. So, we need to get enough viewers to care about the fact that if revenue models are broken, and the only way you can run a big newsroom is with corporate or political money, you are not going to get high-quality journalism. One of the reasons we are here is the broken revenue models. I believe that there are still very brave individuals in the Indian media, but they don't have platforms.

AS: We have to fix the news ecosystem within us news professionals first. Once we have decided this is what journalism is, and this is why journalism is important in a democracy, then we can go on to the viewers. Right now, we aren't there, but I do think there is a critical mass of people, like Barkha said, individuals who want journalism to survive, who hold those values dear, who can challenge the owners.

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NOTEBOOK

Empty chairs and empty tables: tales of diplomatic stand-offs

In the new age of social media and diplomatic brinkmanship, it has become more difficult to keep things civil

Suhasini Haidar

"Empty chairs and empty tables...." Lines from the musical version of Victor Hugo's Les Misérables came to my mind as I walked into the Pakistan High Commission on a winter's day in the early 2000s. After the attack on the Indian Parliament, and the mobilisation of the Indian Army at the border in Operation Parakram, India and Pakistan had downsized their missions. As a result, several offices I walked through, as I sought a visa to cover developments in Pakistan, were completely bereft of occupants and the lone visa officer processing papers looked visibly harassed. In 2003, the acting high commissioner was accused of funding separatists in Kashmir and expelled, leading to a further downsizing of the Indian High Commission in Pakistan and the Pakistani High Commission in India. While tensions between the two countries were always high, people-to-people ties had somehow survived. However, two decades later, the situation is far worse. The downsizing of missions post-2019 seems more or less permanent, there are few exchanges of cultural and sporting visits, fewer visas for divided families, and no visas for journalists at all.

In the normal course, diplomats are unemotional and polite to a fault. Diplomatic "incidents" are handled behind closed doors. Mostly, even the sharpest demarches are delivered by foreign ministries over a cup of tea. In most cases, diplomats are summoned privately, and journalists are none the wiser.

However, in the new age of social media and diplomatic brinkmanship, where the 24/7 media broadcast every detail of a developing story, it has become more difficult to keep things civil. It is not a coincidence that television cameras are positioned at the gate of South Block or the External Affairs Ministry's Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan at precisely the time when a diplomat being "reprimanded" leaves the building. In the aftermath of the incident in 2013, when an Indian diplomat was arrested and searched in New York, camera teams were invited to cover the retaliatory removal of security barricades from outside the U.S. embassy. Earlier this year, similar scenes were filmed outside the U.K. High Commission, after the government removed security barricades to express its anger over the protest outside the Indian High Commission in London, when the tricolour was taken down by a Khalistani activist. Sometimes, it even comes down to fisticuffs: the roughing up of an Indian by suspected intelligence agents in Lahore a decade ago was followed shortly by a Pakistani diplomat being "manhandled" in a traffic incident in Delhi.

Targeted assassinations by agencies have also become big diplomatic incidents. In 2010, the UAE launched a worldwide campaign to denounce Israel, after a Hamas leader was assassinated by suspected Mossad operatives, who were using European passports, in his hotel room in Dubai. In 2018, when the U.K. accused Russian agents for the attempted murder of two dissidents – a former Russian intelligence official and his daughter living in Britain – several western allies got involved. At least 20 countries expelled Russian diplomats in a show of solidarity. Even New Delhi faced pressure to act, as the British High Commissioner held an angry press conference in Delhi over the incident, but failed to score a reaction.

India-Canada tensions are not a patch on many other such international incidents, yet the sharp and pointed accusations exchanged between Delhi and Ottawa this week, after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused the Modi government of masterminding the killing of a separatist Khalistani leader in Canada, augur badly for the future of ties. Visas have been suspended, diplomats expelled by both countries, and missions are about to be downsized. It now remains to be seen whether ties will be salvaged by a high-level intervention or will spiral further, leaving more "empty chairs and empty tables" in each other's diplomatic missions.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

The change-makers of tomorrow

Students read the Preamble of the Constitution as part of the International Day of Democracy, in front of the Vidhana Soudha, in Bengaluru. According to the United Nations, this year's theme, 'Empowering the next generation,' focuses on the essential role of young people in advancing democracy and ensuring that their voices are included in the decisions that have a profound impact on their world. MURALI KUMAR K.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 22, 1973

Dalai Lama's visit to Europe: China's protest

New Delhi, Sept 21: The Dalai Lama is leaving next week on a private visit to ten West European countries to meet prominent religious heads like the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury and establish contact with cultural and humanitarian institutions which have been taking a sympathetic interest in the plight of the Tibetan people. It will be his third visit abroad since he left Tibet in 1959 in the wake of the Chinese repression and sought asylum in India. In its characteristically arrogant and irrational way, China is angry with India for allowing the Dalai Lama to go abroad again, rather than with the countries that will be receiving him with all the courtesies due to a spiritual and temporal head.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 22, 1923

Japan relief fund

London, Sept. 21: A Riga message from Moscow states that Russian subscriptions to Japanese relief fund have ceased and some subscribers are demanding return of their money; following the official statement that the Russian steamer 'Lenin' carrying medical supplies to the sufferers from earthquake has been ordered to leave Japan as she is suspected of carrying out communist propaganda. The crew of another Soviet ship have been forbidden to land.

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Visa issue paused amid Canada tussle

"You are aware of the security threats being faced by our High Commission and consulates in Canada. These have disrupted their normal functioning. Accordingly, our High Commission and consulates are temporarily unable to process visa applications, We will be reviewing the situation on a regular basis," said Mr. Bagchi announcing suspension of Indian visas in Canada.

The suspension of visa facility in Indian missions in Canada will also be enforced on third-country applicants who may choose to apply for visas through Indian missions in Canada.

Since last Monday when Prime Minister Trudeau accused Indian operatives of carrying out the murder of Nijjar in Surrey, British Columbia, threat perception has heightened for Indian diplomats in Canada and for Ottawa's diplomats in India. On both sides vitriolic online comments targeted serving diplomats. However, on the Canadian side, Sikhs for Justice has carried out an online campaign calling for "Indo Hindus go to India" and took out targeted poster campaigns against Indian diplomats stationed in Canada.

Mr. Bagchi took note of the threats against Indian diplomats and reminded Ottawa to ensure security for Indian officials under the Vienna Convention. Mr. Bagchi called for political will to deal with terrorism and said, "The larger issue is of terrorism supported and funded by our western neighbour Pakistan. But the issue of safe havens and places to operate has been provided abroad including by Canada."

Earlier, the High Commission of Canada informed *The Hindu* that in view of prevailing tension, Canada too had "adjusted" its staff count in the diplomatic missions in India saying, "In light of the current environment where tensions have heightened, we are taking action to ensure the safety of our diplomats. Out of abundance of caution, we have decided to temporarily adjust staff presence in India."

The Canadian mission also reminded India to uphold the diplomatic code of conduct as enshrined in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961. The Canadian side did not confirm if the staff reduction was because of a conversation with India but Mr. Bagchi during his briefing indicated that a conversation on reduction of diplomats in the Canadian missions in India is ongoing.

RS clears women's Bill unanimously

Amendments moved by some Opposition members against the provision that the law will come into force only after a census and delimitation exercise were defeated in a voice vote as none of the members demanded a 'division' on the amendments. The Lok Sabha had passed the Bill a day earlier, on Wednesday.

A total of 72 speakers participated in the debate that was marked with poetry and couplets. The debate was moderated by a series of women who took turns to be in the Chair. The key issues raised by the Opposition included the delay in bringing the Bill and the lack of separate reservation for Other Backward Class (OBC) women within the 33% reservation. The Treasury benches countered these arguments with measures taken by the Modi regime to support women. After passing the Bill, the House adjourned sine die.

Countering the ruling party speakers who heaped credit solely on PM Modi for bringing the legislation, the Opposition members slammed the BJP for showcasing the Bill as an act of the Prime Minister's benevolence towards women. They also criticised the title of the Bill - *Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam*.

"Why did it take the government nine and a half years to bring this legislation and why is the government pushing its implementation to 2029," asked Opposition speakers.

SC not to intervene in water release order

The CWMA had in turn confirmed the CWRC order that Karnataka has to ensure Cauvery water releases from the Krishna Raja Sagar and Kabini reservoirs put together, so that the flows were realised at Biligundulu at the rate of 5,000 cusecs.

Mr. Rohatgi argued that the CWMA had "mechanically accepted" the CWRC decision.

The State said the release of water was a dire necessity to meet the pressing demands of the standing crops. On the other hand, senior advocate Shyam Divan, for Karnataka, said the daily flow of 5,000 cusecs of water was "against the interest" of the State. The State, especially in urban areas like Bengaluru, was on the brink of a drinking water crisis whereas Tamil Nadu was in need of water for only irrigation. Mr. Divan said the distress in Karnataka had increased in the past 15 days. "The authorities should not have ordered Karnataka to give more than 3,000 cusecs per day," Mr. Divan submitted.

"This water year of 2023-24 has begun on a bad note. The south-west monsoon which feeds the catchment in Karnataka has failed miserably. Even at the reservoir level, which covers a part of the catchment, the shortfall is 53.42%. If the shortfall is considered up to the inter-State border Biligundulu, where flows are accountable, shortfall and distress would be much more than 53.42%," Karnataka said in its latest application.

Another Khalistan operative gunned down in Canada

Lawrence Bishnoi gang has claimed responsibility for the killing of Sukhdool Singh, but Indian agencies yet to confirm it; rivalry between two gangs is said to have resulted in the killing

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Lawrence Bishnoi gang has reportedly claimed responsibility for the killing of Sukhdool Singh, alias Sukha Duneke, in Winnipeg, Canada on Wednesday. The deceased was wanted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for his links with Khalistan terrorists.

The development, yet to be confirmed by Indian agencies, comes amid a diplomatic row between India and Canada triggered over the murder of Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar by unidentified men on the parking lot of a gurdwara in Canada's Surrey on June 18.

On the X (formerly Twitter) platform, the NIA released Sukha Duneke's photograph along with those of the most-wanted criminals and gangsters, many of whom are based in Canada or have contacts in that country.

Taking stock: Police officials at the residence of Sukha Duneke who was killed allegedly in an inter-gang rivalry in Canada. PTI

Hours later, a suspected Lawrence Bishnoi gang member posted a short message claiming responsibility for the murder of Sukha Duneke, who belonged to the rival Davinder Bambiha group. Preliminary reports suggested that he was at his residence when two persons fired several rounds at him from close range and escaped.

The ongoing war between the two gangs has resulted in the killing of several persons on both sides over the past few years. In August last year, the Bambiha gang issued a warning on social media to the now-jailed Lawrence Bishnoi and Jaggu Bhagwanpuria, and Canada-based Goldy Brar, blaming them for the murder of singer Sidhu Moosewala on June 29, 2022. Bishnoi is currently in an Ahmedabad prison.

The Bishnoi gang has alleged that Sukha Duneke was involved in the killings of Gurlal Brar (October 11, 2020), a close relative of Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar; Vicky Middukhera (August 7, 2021); and British-Indian "kabaddi" player Sandeep Nangal Ambian (March 14, 2022).

Originally from Moga in Punjab, Sukha Duneke left for Canada in 2017 on a tourist visa sponsored by his sister, after securing a passport allegedly based on forged documents. He had been living there with her and their mother. The State police have registered about 16 cases allegedly involving him and his associates, who indulged in extortion and contract killings.

He was said to be close to another Canada-based "listed individual terrorist", Arshdeep Singh Gill, aka Arsh Dalla, who, according to the NIA, has been guiding and commissioning terrorist acts and promoting terror, violence and large-scale extortion in India on behalf of the KTF. Arsh Dalla also allegedly runs an extortion racket.

NIA releases pictures of 10 Khalistan operatives, seeks info

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Those wanted are accused in the case of attack at the Indian Consulate in San Francisco

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has released the pictures of 10 wanted accused in the March attack and vandalism on the Indian consulate in San Francisco, U.S., and has sought information about them from the general public.

On Wednesday, the agency said it had issued three separate "Request for Identification & Information" notices against the wanted accused, seeking information that could lead to their arrest or detention. "The agency has promised not to reveal the identity of anyone sharing information on the accused."

In June, the NIA registered a case to investigate the attack. Various provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act have been invoked.

The attack on the Indian consulate had taken place in the intervening night of March 18 and 19, 2023 when some alleged Khalistan operatives illegally entered the consulate premises and attempted to set it ablaze. "On the same day, slogan-shouting Khalistani supporters had broken through the makeshift security barriers raised by the city police and put up two so-called Khalistani flags on the consulate premises, damaged the consulate building, and assaulted and caused injuries to the consulate officials," the NIA said.

"The United States is taking all appropriate steps, in coordination with federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities, to protect the safety and security of India's diplomatic facilities and the diplomats that work within them," said the US Embassy spokesperson.

(With inputs from Suhasini Haidar)

Akali Dal chief meets Shah, hopes ties with Canada will improve

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Amid strains in India-Canada ties, Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Thursday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and hoped for a quick resolution to the disputes between the two countries.

Speaking to presspersons, Mr. Badal underscored that Punjabis in large numbers live in Canada and the deteriorating relations have left the diaspora in a state of panic.

He said it is very disturbing to hear of the woes of Punjabis, including a large number of Sikhs, because of the worsening diplomatic ties between the two countries. There are over 18 lakh Indians in Canada, he noted.

"There is a sense of panic among Punjabis. Both governments, India's as well as Canada's, should find a solution as soon as possible," Mr. Badal said.

With India repeatedly conveying its concerns to Canada over Khalistani activities on its soil, the Shiromani Akali Dal leader said Sikhs have been the most patriotic people who made the most sacrifices during India's Independence Struggle. The community should not be blamed for what a few persons do.

India on Thursday "suspended till further notice" its visa services in Canada.

The move comes amid the escalating diplomatic row that erupted following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of a Khalistani separatist.

50 injured as women throng police stations in Manipur's valley districts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/IMPHAL

At least 50 women were injured as Central security forces and the police tried to disperse crowds that had gathered at several locations in the valley districts of Manipur demanding the release of five armed miscreants who were arrested last week, the police said on Thursday. The miscreants were also wearing police uniforms when they were arrested.

The Meira Paibi, a collective of Meitei women, had given a call to fill the jails on Thursday as an earlier 48-hour deadline, which included a shutdown in valley districts, demanding the release of the suspects lapsed.

The residence of the officer in-charge of the Singjamei police station in Imphal West was vandalised by a mob around 3.15 p.m. on Thursday. The Rapid Action Force (RAF), the Centre's anti-riot police, fired tear gas shells near the Singjamei police station to disperse the mob. The violence in several parts of the State started around 1 p.m.

Tense situation: Women staging a protest during a 48-hour bandh against the arrest of five youth. ANI

The five men who are in judicial custody are expected to be produced in court on Friday. The police said in a statement on September 17 that there have been reports of extortion threats, misuse of police uniform, and impersonation by armed miscreants. According to the First Information Report (FIR), the five accused were arrested on September 16 at Kongba near Meitei Mayek School in Imphal. Life has been affected in all the five valley districts since September 17, a day after the arrest of the five suspects.

On Thursday, hundreds of women thronged all the police stations in the valley, urging the police to arrest them too. The women claimed that the five arrested men were village protection volunteers.

The entire Imphal valley will remain under curfew on Friday, according to a government order.

In another development, the Manipur government issued a show-cause notice to telecom operator Airtel after it was found that mobile data services were allowed on September 20 on few phone numbers in Churachandpur and adjoining areas of Bishnupur district. Mobile data services are blocked in Manipur since May due to the prevailing law and order situation.

TV channels asked not to give platform for 'criminals'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry on Thursday advised TV channels against giving any platform to persons facing charges of serious crimes such as terrorism, and those belonging to banned outfits, in an apparent reference to the appearance of U.S.-based "terrorist" Gurpatwant Singh Pannun on a news channel a day ago.

The advisory has been issued under Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, which lays down the circumstances and conditions under which the Centre can regulate or prohibit transmission/retransmission of any programme.

The Union Home Ministry had designated Pannun as an "individual terrorist" in July 2020.

On Wednesday, a Hindi news channel had invited Pannun for a discussion.

Indian diplomats in Germany meet Ariha, but parents denied access

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Indian diplomats in Germany received a "consular visit" last month with 'Baby Ariha Shah', the two-year-old child who has been taken into parental custody by German Youth Services in September 2021, the government revealed, though the child's parents say they are being denied visitation rights with her. Germany's Ambassador to India said a resolution of the issue is unlikely to happen "very soon". Ms. Shah was taken from her parents Dhara and Bhavesh Shah in 2021 by the 'Jugendamt' or youth services, after she was brought to a hospital in Berlin with what they called "grievous" injuries.

While a German court has since ruled it as evidence of deliberate abuse, the parents have consistently denied the charge, explaining the injuries as accidental. New Delhi, which says the German court decision is a violation of Ariha Shah's "cultural rights", has been pushing for the repatriation of Ariha Shah, who is an Indian citizen, offering to ensure foster care for her in India, said that Indian Embassy officials were able to meet her on August 31.

"Resource material relating to Indian festivals, customs and practices were handed over by our embassy with the expectation that the child's caregivers would incorporate these into her routine to enable the child to remain in touch with her faith and culture," said Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi in response to a question on Thursday.

When asked, Dhara Shah, the mother of Ariha, told *The Hindu* she has not been able to see her daughter since July this year. Ms. Shah said that she had travelled to Germany for a visitation appointment granted for September 19. However, when they reached the visitation venue, Ariha was not brought to see them, as authorities said she was "crying".

"Jugendamt services have cancelled our visitations using illogical excuses each time," she wrote in a social media post.

Centre revises *ex gratia* for the victims of train accidents

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Railways has revised the amount of *ex gratia* relief to be payable in case of death to the dependents by up to 10 times. Under Section 124 of the Railways Act, in case of death earlier ₹50,000 was liable to be paid. According to a circular issued, this amount has been revised upwards to ₹5 lakh, for train accidents and accidents at manned level crossings.

'Christians being targeted over conversion charge'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A delegation representing Christian community met the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities, Iqbal Singh Lalpura, on Thursday and shared their grievance pertaining to false accusations of forced religious conversion, as well as attack on churches in Manipur.

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In OBC pitch, Rahul rests Cong. hopes

The battle between the BJP and the Congress in the Hindi heartland is actually one for OBC minds, and the second leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra will traverse this region where OBC mobilisation is a key factor; Congress leader knows that his battle against Modi will be fought among this community

NEWS ANALYSIS

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NEW DELHI

The discussion on the women's reservation Bill in Parliament on Wednesday and Thursday saw the Congress making a bold attempt to win over the Other Backward Classes (OBCs). While this is out of line with its instincts, party leader Rahul Gandhi's sharp and sustained focus on OBC representation is forcing the Congress to take up cudgels on behalf of the community.

Mr. Gandhi himself led the charge in the Lok Sabha, accusing the BJP of excluding the OBCs from power. Only three of the 90 Secretaries in the Union government were from the OBC category, he pointed out.

In the Rajya Sabha, party general secretary K.C. Venugopal said the BJP's outreach to women and OBCs was only a drama to win votes. Raising the issue of separate reservation for OBC women within the 33% reservation, he said: "If you are so keen to stand with the OBCs, why don't you hold the caste census?"

OBCs in Congress

Mr. Venugopal said the Congress had always supported people from OBC communities. "We are proud to say that three of the four Chief Ministers we have are from the OBCs," he said, suggesting that the women's reservation Bill be implemented before the 2024 Lok Sabha election and women from the OBCs have separate quota in it. The Bill, he said, was not from the heart of the ruler, but a result of the political calculation of the BJP.

The Congress has significantly increased OBC representation in its Working Committee. The battle between the BJP and the Congress in the Hindi heartland is actually one for OBC minds – the reason Union Home Minister Amit Shah reacted sharply to Mr. Gandhi's taunts, and emphasised the BJP's OBC character. Nearly a third of its Parliament members were from OBC communities, Mr. Shah said.

One to one: Rahul Gandhi during an interaction with porters at the Anand Vihar railway station in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

With the upper castes firmly with the BJP and the Muslims firmly against it, the swing votes in the heartland are of OBC communities.

The collapse of the Congress in the late 1980s was presaged by the rise of OBC parties that plucked Muslim support from the Congress even as the upper castes jumped on the BJP bandwagon. The Congress was reduced to an empty shell that no social group found useful. Under Mr. Gandhi, the Congress now feels gaining support of the OBCs is the only route to its revival. Not only the two national parties, but several regional parties too used the debate on women's reservation to play to the OBC gallery.

Heartland stakes

Mr. Gandhi is planning a second leg of the Bharat Jodo Yatra that will traverse the Hindi heartland where OBC mobilisation continues to be the key determinant of politics. The focus will be on OBC communities, party sources said.

Mr. Gandhi has been a champion of OBC communities and in the 2012 Uttar Pradesh Assembly election campaign that he led, the party fielded the largest number of OBC candidates. The defeat in that election was also a setback to his OBC drive.

The Congress is not used to this, and many of its strategists are inclined to avoid identity questions and wait for the tide to turn. Material questions of poverty, price rise and unemployment will drive people back to the Congress, going by this conventional thinking in the party. The slogan "*Congress Ka Haath, Aam Aadmi Ke Saath*" (Congress is with the common man) that won it power in 2004 reinforced this conception of voters as deracinated, material entities devoid of any cultural baggage or history.

But the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the aspirations of the OBCs at several levels – material, cultural, and in representation, expanding the Hindutva tent on an unprecedented scale. Mr. Gandhi knows his battle against Mr. Modi is to be fought among OBCs.

INBRIEF

Visitors raise slogans in Rajya Sabha; Opposition protests

The debate in the Rajya Sabha on the women's reservation Bill on Thursday saw a brief disturbance as Opposition members walked out over a group of women raising slogans hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the visitors' gallery. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar assured the House that a probe will conducted to determine how such a lapse occurred. "The women were taken into custody by security staff. They will be questioned by the Delhi Police," an official said. The Lok Sabha had also witnessed similar scenes on Tuesday and Union Ministers Gajendra Shekhawat and Anurag Thakur were sent to the gallery to ensure that it was not repeated.

Cong. leader slams Trudeau for anti-India statements

Amid the ongoing face-off between India and Canada, Congress leader Ravneet Singh Bittu on Thursday slammed Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the House. Mr. Bittu, participating in a discussion in the Lok Sabha on the success of Chandrayaan-3 mission, alleged that "those Canadians who are involved in narcotics trade in Punjab are being pumped into the premier's party and that is why he is making statements against India". Party leader Shashi Tharoor said that there was no proof of India's involvement in the killing of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar. He questioned the Canadian government's approach of sheltering immigrants who are working against India.

BJD expels two Odisha MLAs including editor of *Sambad*

Odisha Chief Minister and president of Biju Janata Dal Naveen Patnaik on Thursday expelled two MLAs including Khandapada legislator and *Sambad* editor Soumya Ranjan Patnaik from the party. The statement issued by the BJD president says the Mr. Soumya was expelled following registration of case against him by the Economic Offence Wing, Odisha for fraud. Similarly, Sudhansu Sekhar Parida, expelled Remuna MLA, was accused of misappropriating government subsidy, meant for farmers, of more than ₹3 crore. The matter is being inquired into by the State Vigilance on the orders of the Lokayukta.

Ready to speak on border stand-off with China in LS: Rajnath

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A discussion on the success of Çhandrayaan-3 in the Lok Sabha on Thursday saw the Opposition and Treasury Benches spar over the border stand-off with China and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh declaring that he has the courage to discuss the issue in the House.

Mr. Singh, who initiated the discussion on the success of the third lunar mission and other achievements in the space sector, spoke on India's border security and the role of science in protecting the frontiers. It was at this juncture that Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury brought up the border stand-off with China.

The Defence Minister responded by saying that he has the "full" courage to discuss the issue. "*Puri Himmat Hain* (I have full courage). I am ready for a discussion, I have the confidence to discuss it," Mr. Singh said.

India-China ties have been under strain since the deadly Galwan Valley clashes in June 2020.

RJD stands alone in demand for sending quota Bill to House panel

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

In a sea of support for the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, or the women's reservation Bill, the Rashtriya Janata Dal stood isolated in the Rajya Sabha over its demand to send it to a select committee.

The party's Rajya Sabha member Manoj K. Jha, the lone speaker on the legislation, said Parliament would be committing a "historic blunder" if it did not amend the Bill to include quota for Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

Though all the Indian

Manoj K. Jha

National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc partners came out unanimously in support of "quota within quota" or reservation for the OBCs within the 33% reservation for women and immediate implementation, all of them stood in support of the legislation. The RJD was the only party that refused to spell out its position either in support or in opposition to the Bill.

'Historic blunder'

"I would urge all my friends here to not bother about the party whips. The question here is not of 'supporting or opposing' the Bill. We still have an opportunity to send the Bill to a select committee to incorporate the OBC quota. And if we don't do it, we would be committing a historic blunder," Mr. Jha said.

It is time, he added, to take a step beyond the empty rhetoric on OBCs. Quota within quota is for bringing affirmative action for every layer of society, he said. His remarks were aimed at both the government and the RJD's allies in the INDIA bloc.

Since Wednesday, when the Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Jha said that more than a joyous welcome of the legislation that could pave way for more representation for the women, the narrative was about the government being anti-OBC.

BJP and its decades-long preparation to leverage women's reservation Bill

NEWS ANALYSIS

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The timing of the implementation of the women's reservation Bill, now finally cleared by Parliament, is still a matter of conjecture, but the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) says it is in the best possible position to field 180 women candidates for the Lok Sabha and hundreds for the Assemblies when the law comes into force.

The BJP, under whose government the Bill was finally cleared, has been one of the early starters in training women leaders. The party has held regular training programmes for women cadre and leaders drawn from across the country. The party began by formally announcing in 2007, when current Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was the BJP president, that it would be reserving 33% of its organisational posts, including of national-level office-bearers, for women.

Need for training

At that time, this was read as a move to counter the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government's decision to nominate the then Rajasthan Governor, Pratibha Patil, as its candidate for Presidential election. The reservations, however, were taken on board and the hunt to fill organisational posts with women candidates began.

Sweet success: Members of BJP women's wing offering sweets to party MP Vivek Thakur after the Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha. PTI

As the hunt began for suitable candidates, the party noticed that capacity building and training in ideological commitment, organisational tasks and administrative know-how was required.

Actor, producer and former BJP national secretary Vani Tripathi was at the forefront of some of those efforts at that time. Around 2006, as a Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha office-bearer, she organised a structured programme called the "*Veerangana Sammelan*" specifically targeted at women in the 18-35 age group.

"This was a structured programme to draw in this age group, an early age, to engage with the BJP and I travelled to over 18 States to drum up the support and participation," she said while speaking to *The Hindu*. "In 2009, the 33% reservation for women in organisational positions was formally implemented and no other political party in India has done so up to the national level. It takes decades of work at the organisational and cadre level to come to a point where Parliament can have women's representation in a proactive way," she said.

Major resource

Another major resource for training was drawn from the Rambhau Mhalgi Prabhodini (RMP), a think tank considered close to the Sangh Parivar. The RMP had, according to Indian Council for Cultural Relations chief Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, entered the scene as early as 1995, when they did a review of the first batch of women councillors elected after reservations were introduced in municipal bodies in Maharashtra in 1989.

"We found that the move had been done without much demand from women at that time, and therefore when elections were to be held, women relatives of men already in electoral politics filled these positions. But, interestingly, while at first these women were termed '*aamdaar saubhagyavati*' referred to only in relation to their politically connected male relatives, they soon started asserting themselves. We realised at that time that apart from training women in leadership, we need to train their male partners to provide complementarity not domination and ego," Mr. Sahasrabuddhe said.

The curriculum devised by the RMP has three aspects – motivational training, that the reservation is not a favour but a right , functionality of laws, and role clarity and skill on how to speak in the House, raise issues and office management. "Most interestingly, however, we have added another aspect, which we did last month in Surat, Daman and Kolkata, that of holding a separate session for the male partners of leaders, that you need not overpower you partners but help them," he said.

Even with the women's reservation Bill now contingent on delimitation and a census, the BJP has made sure that it has the women candidates it needs to capture that space.

In Lok Sabha, both Centre and Opposition claim credit for space success

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A discussion in the Lok Sabha on Thursday to congratulate the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), space scientists and members of the community for the success of Chandrayaan-3 mission also witnessed members of the Treasury and the Opposition benches claim credit for India's space success.

Union Ministers and BJP MPs asserted that the nation's space story has seen a quantum leap during the Narendra Modi government, while the Opposition members recalled the contribution of Jawaharlal Nehru, as Prime Minister, in laying the foundation of the country's scientific progress.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that India was moving towards becoming a major space power.

Initiating a discussion on the mission and other gains in the space sector, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the passage of the women's reservation Bill "is a gift by a grateful nation to the women scientists of ISRO and the entire female scientific community of India".

Calling the landing on the moon a watershed moment, Congress member Shashi Tharoor said it was the culmination of the efforts put in by all governments over the past six decades, starting from the days of Mr. Nehru.

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Time schedule for Stray vacancy round online counseling of UP NEET UG-2023

The schedule of online counseling for admission to undergraduate course (MBBS/BDS) of Government/Private Medical/Dental Colleges/Institutions/Unversities is as follows:-

S.N.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1	Date of online Registration	22th September 2023 (From 5:00 PM) to 24th September 2023 (Till 05:00 PM)	02 Days
2	Date of deposition of registration & security money	22th September 2023 (From 5:00 PM) to 24th September 2023 (Till 05:00 PM)	03 Days
3	Date of on-line Document verification	23rd September 2023 to 25th September 2023 (Till 11:00 Am)	03 Days
4	Date of Merit List Declaration	25th September 2023	01 Days
5	Date of On-line Choice filling	26th September 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 28th September 2023 (Till 05:00 PM)	03 Days
6	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	29th September 2023	01 Days
7	Date for downloading the allotment letters and admission	30th September 2023, 01 and 03 October 2023	03 Days

1. Only those candidates will be eligible for the Stray vacancy round, who have not been allotted any seat through the first, second & Mop-up round of counseling of UP NEET UG-2023.
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8. Only those candidates will be eligible for choice filling, whose documents have been verified online and deposited the security money.
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Subrat Mohapatra., IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests , (Head of Forest Force)

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INBRIEF

Bombay High Court rejects fugitive Mehul Choksi's pleas

The Bombay High Court on Thursday rejected all the pleas filed by fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi challenging applications by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to declare him a fugitive economic offender (FEO) in the multi-crore Punjab National Bank scam. A Bench of Justice S.V. Kotwal was hearing four petitions filed by Mr. Choksi. After ED moved the special court to initiate proceedings against Mr. Choksi as a FEO, he moved the court challenging procedural lapses by the agency. The court had reserved the order on September 8. The ED has filed three chargesheets against Mr. Choksi and his three companies - Gitanjali Gems Limited, Gili India Limited and Nakshatra Brand Limited.

Watch duty time limitations for air traffic controllers

In a significant move, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Thursday said regulations for watch duty time limitations and rest requirements for air traffic controllers have been implemented at 57 airports, including Amritsar, Coimbatore, Patna and Imphal. The implementation of the norms will ensure that air traffic controllers will get adequate rest while carrying out their duties. PTI

China, U.S. and India absent at U.N.'s Climate Ambition Summit

Representatives from 34 states and 7 institutions were given the floor on the day of the summit; all the G-20 governments will be asked to commit to presenting, by 2025, more ambitious economy-wide Nationally Determined Contributions

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Climate Ambition Summit (CAS) in New York, as part of the United Nations General Assembly, that concluded on Thursday, was marked by the absence of major economies whose actions significantly influence the future of global emissions.

China, the U.S. and India – which collectively account for about 42% of global greenhouse gas emissions and are the top three emitters in that order – were all absent from the summit that was designed, according to the U.N., to "showcase leaders who are movers and doers ... and have credible actions, policies and plans to keep the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement alive and deliver climate justice to those on the front lines of the climate crisis".

In the run-up to the summit, nearly 100 heads of state had written in response to a call from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to ramp up action to address the climate crisis. However, Only representatives from 34 states and seven institutions were given the floor on the day of the summit.

Delegates attend the Climate Ambition Summit at the UN headquarters in New York City on Wednesday. AFP

India's neighbours Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan were among the listed speakers and emerging economies such as South Africa and Brazil were also on the list. The European Union, Germany, France and Canada were also on the podium.

The criteria for countries to be considered for a speaking slot at the summit were that they would be expected to present updated pre-2030 Nationally Determined Contributions (as agreed in Glasgow); updated net-zero targets; energy transition plans with commitments to no new coal, oil and gas; fossil fuel phase-out plans; more ambitious renewable energy targets; Green Climate Fund pledges; and economy-wide plans on adaptation and resilience.

All the "main emitters" and notably all G-20 governments would be asked to commit to presenting, by 2025, more ambitious economy-wide Nationally Determined Contributions featuring absolute emissions cuts and covering all gases.

"The Climate Ambition Summit this year set a high bar for participation... The Secretary-General's Climate Action Team engaged governments, as well as businesses and local authorities with transition plans to reach net zero in line with the UN-backed credibility standard and accountability of net zero pledges," Stephane Dujaric, spokesperson for the UN Secretary General, told *The Hindu* in an email. He did not clarify if India had put in a request, or even participated, in the summit. An official in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change also declined *The Hindu*'s request for information.

India last updated its climate pledges in 2022 of reducing emissions intensity – or the volume of emissions per unit of gross domestic product (GDP) – by 45% from 2005 levels by 2030, a 10% increase from what it agreed to in 2015.

Climate solutions

The government committed to meet 50% of its electric power needs from renewable, non-fossil fuel energy sources – up from 40% committed at the Paris agreement. It promised to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of Co2-equivalent [GtCO2e] through additional forest and tree cover by 2030.

"Our focus here is on climate solutions – and our task is urgent. Humanity has opened the gates to hell," Mr. Guterres said in his address. "Climate action is dwarfed by the scale of the challenge. If nothing changes, we are heading towards a 2.8-degree temperature rise – towards a dangerous and unstable world."

SC to issue orders on sale of firecrackers in Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday is scheduled to pronounce orders on pleas to lift the prohibitions on firecrackers in the national capital. A Bench of Justices A.S. Bopanna and M.M. Sundresh will pass the order.

When the court had reserved the case for order, the Bench had said that filing cases against persons bursting crackers during festivals such as Deepavali may not be the solution against the dangers fireworks pose to health and environment.

The court was reacting to a report submitted by Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, for the Delhi Police, on the number of cases registered against the sale, storage and bursting of crackers and the number of persons arrested.

The police had arrested 2,616 persons for bursting crackers and 740 for sale and storage.

The police said 51,692.413 kg of firecrackers were seized in Delhi from 2016 to August 2023.

Air India's Chief of Flight Safety face DGCA action

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The aviation safety watchdog, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has suspended Air India's Chief of Flight Safety following lapses discovered in aspects such as accident prevention that included fabricated reports of internal inspections carried out by the airline.

The DGCA has suspended Captain Rajeev Gupta for a period of one month, it said in a press statement. The regulator has also ordered Air India to take action against an unnamed auditor involved in the lapses and has raised concern over shortage of requisite technical manpower in the airline. The airline said in response that it was making efforts to improve the organisation's safety culture. The DGCA action follows an inspection it carried out at Air India's headquarters in Gurgaon on July 25 and 26.

Panel suggests GPS trackers to reduce overcrowding in prisons

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A parliamentary panel has recommended ankle trackers or bracelets on prison inmates to reduce overcrowding in prisons.

The Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs, which presented its report on Thursday, said that technology can be explored to produce cost-effective bracelets or anklet trackers that can be worn by the prisoners who have procured bail and are out of prison on bail. It said mostly bail is denied on three counts – the undertrial prisoner may influence or intimidate the witness or will try to leave the country or commit another crime.

The committee in its meeting was informed about the initiative by the Odisha government. "At the same time, it must be ensured that to avoid any kind of human rights violation, this scheme or method should be used on a voluntary basis after procuring the consent of inmates," the report said.

House full: Prisons in the country are overcrowded with an estimated occupancy rate of over 130 per cent. AP

The panel noted that overcrowding and delayed justice has become a pressing concern, leading to a series of consequences for both the prisoners and the criminal justice system as a whole. It recommended that prisoners from overcrowded jails may be transferred to other jails with vacant cells in the same State or other States. The panel noted that many State Prisons Departments had no jammers installed or they were capable of blocking only 2G and 3G network signals. The committee was informed that mobile phones are one of the major contraband articles that is most frequently smuggled into the prisons.

According to the prison statistics published by the National Crime Record Bureau for 2021, there are 1,319 prisons in India, with a total capacity of 4,25,609 prisoners. The actual inmates are 5,54,034 which shows that the occupancy capacity rate is 130.2%. Of the total inmates, the number of undertrial prisoners is 4,27,165 and the number of convicted prisoners is 1,22,852. The occupancy of women prisoners has been increased and the prisons are understaffed by approximately 30% of the required strength.

The governments of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh said that there are a few colonial-era jails in the country which are more than 100 years old and are in a dilapidated condition. "The committee appreciates the proposal of the Government of Gujarat to make Ahmedabad Jail Bhajiya House-cum-Restaurant-cum-historical gallery, a heritage structure depicting the 'life and times' of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Kasturba Gandhi, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Zaverchand Meghani, who were all inmates of Sabarmati Jail," the report titled 'Prison-Conditions, Infrastructure and Reforms' said.

ISRO hoping to wake up Vikram and Pragyan today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is looking to wake up the Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander and Pragyan rover as dawn will break on the moon on Friday. The lander and the rover went to sleep after the end of one lunar day (14 earth days).

On September 2, the Pragyan was put in sleep mode and on September 4, the space agency put Vikram too in sleep mode with its payloads switched off. Both Vikram and Pragyan's receivers, however, have been kept on.

Once the sun sets on the moon after the completion of one lunar day, temperature could plunge below minus 200°C.

If the ISRO manages to wake up Vikram and Pragyan it would be a bonus for the space agency as it would be hoping to carry out more experiments on the moon.

Saroja Vaidyanathan, Bharatanatyam dancer, passes away

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Saroja Vaidyanathan

Bharatanatyam dancer Saroja Vaidyanathan died at her residence here in the early hours of Thursday, just two days after she turned 86.

"She was battling cancer for some time now and passed away around 4 a.m. today morning," her daughter-in-law and dancer Rama Vaidyanathan said.

The classical dancer was given the Padma Shri in 2002 and the Padma Bhushan in 2013. Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan was known for her extensive contribution to Bharatanatyam and Carnatic music in the form of 10 full-length ballets and nearly 2,000 choreographies.

Rama remembered her mother-in-law and guru for leaving a 50-year-old legacy behind in the form of Ganesa Natyalaya, a classical dance school in the national capital.

"It is now our duty to take her legacy forward. I remember her for the love and affection she gave all of us. Where I am today is solely because of her," Rama said.

The last rites will be performed at the Lodhi crematorium on Friday at 2 p.m.

Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy took to X to pay condolences on Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan's demise. Bharatanatyam dancer and Rajya Sabha member Sonal Mansingh also remembered Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan for her "immense contribution to the dance world".

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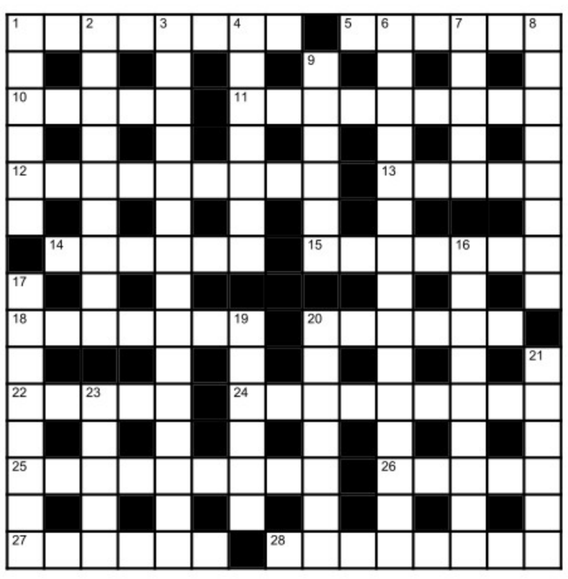

Across

1 Come across tramp close to ghetto, drinking beer (4,4)
5 One cold energy drink becomes frozen (4,2)
10 Hawk catching large rat (5)
11 Overwhelmed by rebellious desire, sect is breaking obligation (9)
12 Where shirt button might be free in America (2,3,4)
13 Played slowly in religious period by choir at centre (5)
14 Crooks, extremely nauseating, overwhelmed by drinks (6)
15 Most cheerful and funny stories (7)
18 Answer master with comment describing one type of vertebrate (7)
20 Reason fool's in power (6)
22 Photograph of India's top magician (5)
24 Husband removing top, then pants inside top-floor flat (9)
25 Revolting American in group starting to squabble in apartment (9)
26 Lively time, entertaining single lady (5)
27 Legal official is back, working with leading attorney in trial (6)
28 Unquestionably a wild thrill, catching glimpse of gorilla (3,5)

Down

1 First woman to win Oscar award (6)
2 This might help you sleep with hot Latino men (9)
3 Naked at hotel in rave, pick up girl (2,3,10)
4 Entertained by test on guessing languages (7)
6 Actors find hard new realities shattering unrealistic dreams (7,2,3,3)
7 Shoot second criminal abducting kid at centre (5)
8 Ferry at estuary in English city (8)
9 Represent a conservative female suppressed by revolting degenerate (3,3)
16 Exciting new tune inspires husband to croon (9)
17 Tipsy in hall, pop drops hot dog (8)
19 Use pole dancing to entertain many at end of party (6)
20 Fish that burrows also found in spot by lake (4,3)
21 Turned thin after taking drug? Ditto (6)
23 Divorced associate knocking back gin (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Worship of Lord Narasimha

Scriptures say that developing hatred towards others may drive a person into an unfathomable abyss. Even if others display animosity towards us, we should ignore the same. Otherwise, we may lose our peace of mind. Smt. Vasuki Manoharan said in a discourse that a person can be free from anger and derive tranquillity by worshipping Lord Narasimha.

Hiranyakasipu cultivated endless hostility towards Lord Narayana, who killed his brother Hiranyaksha. Hiranyakasipu had warned that he would kill everyone who chanted the name of God instead of his name, including his son. But God gave him a son to chant ever His name much against Hiranyakasipu's wishes. As devotion transcends all barriers, including caste, creed, race and age, Hiranyakasipu's son, Prahladha, started worshipping the Lord even at a very young age. The child had to incur his father's wrath and face untold misery, but God had not failed to protect His devotee.

Worship of Lord Narasimha during Pradosha Kalam is the most auspicious. Chanting the sloka, Narasimha Prapathi, will protect us like a shield from all kinds of evils and problems and will yield peace and prosperity.

People can worship Lakshmi Narasimha and Yoga Narasimha at home, but Ugra Narasimha only in temples.

PARIS

Charles broaches France-U.K. entente on environment at Senate

AP

King Charles III on Thursday pledged to do everything he could to strengthen the relationship between France and Britain, suggesting the "indispensable" partners should also team up to tackle the climate emergency, in a speech at the French Senate on the second day of a three-day visit to France. AFP

OUAGADOUGOU

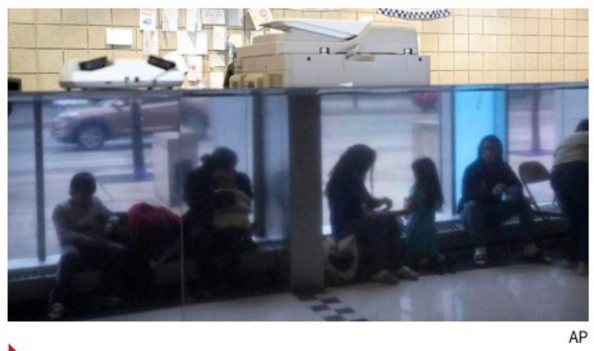
16 civilians killed in two separate attacks by jihadists in Burkina Faso

AFP

Suspected jihadists have killed 16 civilians, including four Army auxiliaries, in two separate attacks in Burkina Faso, local and security sources said on Thursday. The latest violence follows an attack last week on a camp for internally displaced people in the north of the country which left eight people dead. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. offers temporary work permits to nearly 500,000 Venezuelans



AP

The U.S.on Wednesday announced that it will allow 472,000 Venezuelans to remain in the U.S. and work legally for 18 months. President Joe Biden's administration extended the "Temporary Protected Status" for Venezuelans who were in the U.S. before July 31, 2023, granting them temporary protection from deportation. AFP

BEIJING

Syrian President arrives in China on first visit since beginning of war

AFP

Syrian President Bashar Assad arrived in China on Thursday on his first visit to the country since the start of Syria's 12-year conflict during which Beijing has been one of his main backers. China's Foreign Ministry said Mr. Assad's visit would "further deepen political mutual trust and cooperation in various fields". AP

Uncertainty ends, Pak. decides to hold national election in Jan. 2024

Polls were supposed to have taken place within 90 days since Parliament was dissolved, but the Election Commission said it needed more time to redraw constituencies following the latest census; final list of constituencies will be out on Nov. 30

Agence France-Presse
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan will hold delayed elections in January next year, the Election Commission announced on Thursday, as the country grapples with overlapping political, economic and security crises.

A caretaker government has been ruling Pakistan since Parliament was dissolved on August 9, days after the country's most popular politician, former Prime Minister Imran Khan, was imprisoned for graft and barred from contesting elections.

Polls were supposed to have taken place within 90 days, but the Election Commission said it needed more time to redraw constituencies following the latest population census.

Existential fight: Lawyers participating in a rally against the recent increase in electricity and fuel prices, in Lahore on Thursday. AP

"The final list of constituencies will be published on November 30. After that, the elections will be held in the last week of January 2024, after a 54-day election program," the Commission said in a statement.

One political analyst suggested the date may not be set in stone.

"The announcement of a date is a positive and significant sign, however Pakistani politics is so unstable that one can't predict what will happen after three months," Hasan Askari Rizvi said.

"But all the sufferings of the common people due to inflation and price hikes will have a direct bearing – provided all parties are allowed to campaign and contest elections," he added.

Earlier this month, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan said it was concerned about the scope for institutions to manipulate the electoral process.

Mr. Khan's ouster as Prime Minister in April last year sparked months of political drama, with a defiant campaign against the powerful military culminating in a major crackdown on his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party. The country is struggling through a biting economic downturn, with business leaders crying out for authorities to bring political stability to the cash-strapped nation which has seen a record devaluation of the rupee and soaring inflation.

Zelenskyy wins defence deal; faces aid battle in U.S.

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Seeking support: Volodymyr Zelenskyy with U.S. lawmakers at the Capitol Building on Thursday. AFP

Ukrainian President Volodmyr won a promise of "significant" new air defence weapons from the White House on Thursday but he warned Kyiv could lose the war with Russia if Republican lawmakers cut the flow of billions of dollars in U.S. military aid.

Mr. Zelenskyy, wearing his trademark olive green military-style shirt on his second wartime visit to Washington, also failed to get the coveted long-range U.S. missiles that Ukraine has been seeking in the effort to beat back President Vladimir Putin's forces.

The Ukrainian leader faced a vastly different political landscape compared to his first visit in December 2022, when he received a hero's welcome and gave a speech to a joint session of Congress.

This time a grim-faced Mr. Zelensky met Republican and Democratic leaders locked in a bitter spending battle that could spark a U.S. government shutdown, with a $24 billion aid package for Ukraine at risk.

The hard-right faction dominating the Republican Party is increasingly adamant that the aid spigot should be turned off, with Congress having already approved $100 billion in aid to date, including $43 billion in weaponry.

Earlier this week, Mr. Zelenskyy attended the UN General Assembly meeting in New York where he urged the world to stand firm with Ukraine against Russia's "genocide."

Media magnate Rupert Murdoch steps down as head of News Corp., Fox Corp.

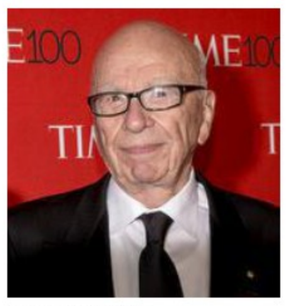
Associated Press
NEW YORK

Rupert Murdoch, the 92-year-old Australian media magnate whose creation of *Fox News* made him a force in American politics, is stepping down as leader of both Fox's parent company and his News Corp. media holdings.

Fox said on Thursday that Mr. Murdoch would become chairman emeritus of both companies, effective at board meetings in November. His son, Lachlan, will become News Corp. chairman and continue as chief executive officer of Fox Corp.

Lachlan Murdoch said that "we are grateful that he will serve as chairman emeritus and know he will continue to provide valued counsel to both companies".

Besides *Fox News*, Murdoch started the Fox broadcast network, the first to successfully challenge the Big Three of *ABC*, *CBS* and *NBC*, with shows like "The Simpsons". He is owner of *The Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Post*.



Rupert Murdoch

Fox News Channel has profoundly influenced television and the nation's politics since its start in 1996, making Mr. Murdoch a hero to some and pariah to others. The 24-hour network converted the power and energy of political talk radio to television. Within six years, it outrated *CNN* and *MSNBC*.

There was no immediate word on why Mr. Murdoch's announcement came now. Ironically, it is the week author and Murdoch biographer Michael Wolff is publishing a book, "The End of Fox News," speculating on what will happen to the network when the patriarch is gone.

While Mr. Murdoch never ran for political office, politicians in the United States and Britain anxiously sought his approval.

'China, Russia must deepen cooperation'

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Beijing's top diplomat told President Vladimir Putin that China and Russia must work to strengthen cooperation in the face of a "complex international situation", Chinese state media reported on Thursday.

Speaking at a meeting with Mr. Putin in St Petersburg, at which the Russian leader accepted an invitation to visit China next month, Wang Yi said the "world is rapidly moving toward multipolarity", according to a readout by *Xinhua* news agency.

Mr. Putin, in response, told Mr. Wang "our positions coincide regarding the emergence of a multipolar world", according to a readout from the Kremlin.

Armenia decries Azerbaijan violence

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

Armenia warned the United Nations on Thursday that Azerbaijan was carrying out "ethnic cleansing" and committing a "crime against humanity" as it regained control of the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Speaking before the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Armenian Ambassador Andranik Hovhannisyan recalled that his country had previously warned of "looming ethnic cleansing" in Nagorno-Karabakh, stressing "now it is in progress".

His comments came as Armenian separatists from the disputed territory joined peace talks with Azerbaijan, after agreeing to lay down their arms.

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES ZONE JAIPUR

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Short Term E-NIB No- 19/2023-24

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, bid for the work "Construction of Lining work of Main Canal and Gopalpura Minor Needar Dam Dist. Karauli "Rs 507.35 Lac" is invited from eligible bidders up to 06:00 PM on dated 26.09.2023 and technical bid will be opened on dated 27.09.2023 at 3:00 PM.

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Tender No : 205,206,207,208/SE/PHC/ TSR/2023-24, JJM 1. Construction of 33 MLD WTP at Mudavannur (Thrithala). 2. Collection Chamber and Leading Channel from collection chamber to well - Thrithala. 3. RWPM from Thrithala pumping station to Mudavannur WTP and Interconnection work. 4. Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of One No. 1000 KVA, 11 KV/3.3KV Transformers and 390 HP VT Pumpsets & Construction of pumphouse, operators room for Pavaratty Regional WSS at Thrithala Pump House
EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/-, 2,00,000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. 17700/-, 11800/-, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 10-10-2023 03:00:pm, **Phone :** 0487 - 2423230, **Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

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Managing Director

COMPOSITE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, REHABILITATION & EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES [CRC – KOZHIKODE]
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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India
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Vacancy Notification No.04 (R) CRC-K/2023

Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in Clinical Psychology at CRC-Kozhikode

Sl. No.	Name of the Position	Name of the Institute	No. of Post	Mode of Recruitment
1	Assistant Professor Clinical Psychology	CRC Kozhikode under NIEPMD(D), DEPwD	01	Direct Recruitment

Vacancy Notification No. 05/2023-24/CRCK

Engagement of Consultant on Contractual basis

1	Administrative Officer (Consultant)	CRC Kozhikode under NIEPMD(D), DEPwD	01	On Contractual basis

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Director

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : e-Tender No.SE/PHC/KKD/80/2023-24. **Jal Jeevan Mission -** WSS to Thiruvallur, Ayancheri, Maniyur and Cheruvannur Pts in Vatakara Taluk of Kozhikode District - Construction and commissioning of 22 MLD WTP, Supplying and laying Raw Water Pumping main, Supply and erection of pump sets and transformers and Construction of pipe line bridge - Manikoth Paddy Field (RWPM), Renovation of well, Fabrication supply and commissioning of electrically operated circular gantry girder and Renovation of generator room at Gulikapuzha. **EMD :** Rs. 500000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. 16540+(2978) GST, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 12-10-2023 04:00:pm, **Phone :** 0495-2371046, **Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Kozhikode

KWA-JB-GL-6-1241-2023-24

ERCP Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project Corporation Limited
Sinchai Bhawan, JLN Marg, Jaipur 302017 Tel: 0141-2709667 Email: ceercpc@gmail.com

क्रमांक :- 3804 दिनांक :- 15/09/2023

ई-नीलामी आमंत्रण सूचना (e-auction notice)

पूर्वी राजस्थान नहर परियोजना निगम की बीछवाल (बीकानेर), बिलिया खुर्द (भीलवाडा), गुर्जोल (राजसमन्द), सरदार शहर (चुरू) एवं उमेरण (अलवर) स्थित लगभग 28.42 हेक्टेयर (Hectares) कुल भूमि के "जहाँ है जैसे है" के आधार पर लीज एवं बिसलपुर बांध (टोंक) में आईलैण्ड एवं बांध के किनारे पर स्थित भूमि (क्षेत्रफल–10.854 हेक्टेयर) व माही बजाज सागर बांध (बांसवाडा) में स्थित आईलैण्ड की भूमि (क्षेत्रफल–8.953 हेक्टेयर) को पर्यटन परियोजनाओं के लिये लीज पर दिये जाने हेतु दिनांक 29 सितम्बर 2023 तक **https://www.mstcecommerce.com** एम.एस.टी.सी. पोर्टल पर ई–नीलामी में ऑनलाईन बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है। इच्छुक बोलीदाता द्वारा रजिस्ट्रेशन शुल्क, बोली प्रतिभूति (Pre-bid EMD), ई–नीलामी की विस्तृत शर्तो इत्यादि का विवरण https://www.mstcecommerce.com पर पढा / डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। इच्छुक एवं योग्य बोलीदाता ई–नीलामी शर्तो में अंकित तिथि एवं समय अवधि में अपनी बोली प्रस्तुत कर सकते है। e-auction पोर्टल सहायता हेतु एम.एस.टी.सी. संपर्क मोबाइल–6263251895 है।

प्रबन्ध निदेशक एवं मुख्य अभियंता
पूर्वी राजस्थान नहर परियोजना निगम, जयपुर

राज.संवाद/सी/23/9645

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA
SEBI Bhavan-II, Plot No. C7, 'G' Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400051

PUBLICATION OF DETAILS OF UNTRACEABLE DEFAULTERS

Recovery Certificates were drawn up against the following Defaulter(s) by the Recovery Officer, SEBI under section 28A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 read with section 222 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for failure to pay the penalty imposed by SEBI. The below mentioned defaulters are prima-facie untraceable.

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEFAULTERS	PAN	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF DEFAULTERS	RECOVERY CERTIFICATE NUMBERS	DATE OF NOTICE OF DEMAND	RECOVERY CERTIFICATE AMOUNT
1	Dharmendra Harilal Bhojak	AFAPB7100D	Address 1: Room No.3, Sahadev Nivas, Turel Pakhadi Road, Zakaria Road, Malad West, Mumbai - 400064 Address 2: Building No. C/24,Block No.4, Shanti Nagar, Mira Road E, Mumbai, 400053 Address 3: Mangal Shanti Housing Co Op So Sector-3, C/28,Block-004, Shanti Nagar, Mira Road E, Mumbai, 400053	3532/2021 5306/2022	20.04.2021 10.08.2022	4,02,436/- 1,04,000/-
2	Vinit Enterprises (Proprietor: Dharmendra Harilal Bhojak)			5320/2022	11.08.2022	5,86,000/-
3	Sagar Kadam	CLAPK2809N	Room No 26, Dayabhai Chawl opposite Krishna Bhavan Malad West 400064	5309/2022	10.08.2022	2,07,000/-
4	Maruti Shankar Gaude	AQQPG4855K	18 Jit Bahadur Chawl Kulupavadi, Rayadongari Bansinagari, Borivali East Mumbai - 400092	6164/2022	27.12.2022	5,31,000/-
5	Rajesh Ravinarayan Hati	ACVPH5913N	Satguru Kirana Store, Sai Baba Mandir, Ashirwad Nagar, Kamatghar, Bhiwandi, Thane 421305	1114/2017	07.03.2017	7,48,945/-
6	Jagdish Parab	Not available	404 Jay Sreeram Appt, Phakhadi, Kharegaon, Kalwa (W), Mumbai-Pune Road, Thane - 400605	4560/2022	16.03.2022	2,41,000/-
7	Shekhar D Vaishnav	AHOPV1194R	Adarsh Nagar, Carromvaala Compound, Opp. Bobby Shopping Centre, Dahanukar Wadi, Kandivali West, Mumbai - 400067	5314/2022	11.08.2022	2,97,000/-

The abovenamed Defaulter(s) are advised to contact the Recovery Officer by sending a letter to the address given above or an email to **recoveryho1@sebi.gov.in** latest by **October 23, 2023.** In the event of non-payment of the dues as above, SEBI shall recover the money by one or more of the following modes, namely:- a) Attachment and sale of movable property; b)Attachment of bank accounts; c) Attachment and sale of immovable property; d) Arrest and detention in prison; e) Appointing a receiver for the management of movable and immovable properties.

Further, if any person is aware of the whereabouts of the Defaulter(s) mentioned above, details of the same may be provided by sending a letter to the Recovary Officer at the address given above or an email to **recoveryho1@sebi.gov.in.**

Date: 22.09.2023
Place: Mumbai

Deepu Anandan
(Recovery Officer)

INBRIEF

Manipal acquires 84% stake in AMRI Hospitals for ₹2,300 cr.

Manipal Hospitals has acquired 84% stake in AMRI Hospitals Ltd., bringing three hospitals in Kolkata and one in Bhubaneswar under its administrative control. The deal is worth about ₹2,300 crore, according to sources. With this addition, Manipal Hospitals would now serve patients in its 17th city in India in Bhubaneswar (Odisha), said Ranjan Pai, Chairman, Manipal Education and Medical Group. Prior to the deal, the group had an hospital in Kolkata's Salt Lake.

TI's Montra, Exponent set to unveil 'quick-charging' e-3Ws

TI Clean Mobility's EV brand Montra Electric and energy-tech start-up Exponent Energy will partner to develop rapid-charging three-wheeler electric vehicles. Montra Electric would unveil a rapid-charging three-wheeler variant equipped with Exponent's 8.8 kWh e-pack, achieving 0-100% charge in 15 minutes at Exponent's e-pump charging network. The vehicle can also be slow-charged at home, the Murugappa group's electric-1vehicle arm said in a statement.

Updater Services sets IPO price band at ₹280-₹300

The initial public offering (IPO) of Updater Services will open on September 25 to raise ₹400 crore via fresh issue of equity shares and include an offer for sale of up to 80 lakh equity shares by selling shareholders. The issue will close on September 27. The price band has been fixed at ₹280 to ₹300 a share. The integrated facilities management firm proposes to utilise part of the net proceeds raised via fresh issue for repayment and/or prepayment of certain borrowings.

'Purchases of homes, vehicles have dented savings, not distress'

FinMin links 46-year-low savings rate to changing preferences; 'higher borrowings signal confidence in future employment, income prospects'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Thursday dismissed "critical voices" about household savings having fallen to a multi-decade low on account of economic distress and asserted that households were now adding lesser financial assets than in the past as they had started taking loans to buy real assets such as homes and vehicles. This was "not a sign of distress but of confidence in their future employment and income prospects," the ministry added in a statement on X.

Data released by the Reserve Bank of India this week showed net household financial savings slid to 5.1% of GDP in 2022-23, reckoned to be the lowest since 1976-77, from 7.2% in 2021-22. This, coupled with an increase in households' financial liabilities to 5.8%, from 3.8% of GDP in 2021-22, had prompted concerns that the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic was still incomplete for many households and that high inflation had dented savings.

'Changing preference'

Asserting that "the correct position with true facts and right inferences" of data indicated that changing consumer preference for different financial products was the "real reason for the [decline in] household savings," the ministry said in a 630-word statement: "between June 2020 and March 2023, the stock of Household Gross Financial Assets went up by 37.6%, and the stock of Household Gross Financial Liabilities went up by 42.6% – no big difference between the two".

"Households added Net Financial Assets of ₹22.8 lakh crore in FY21, nearly ₹17 lakh crore in FY22 and ₹13.8 lakh crore in FY23. So, they added less financial assets to their portfolio than in the previous year and the year before... They added financial assets by a lesser magnitude than in the previous years because they have now started taking loans to buy real assets such as homes," it said.

Sharing RBI data on growth in personal loans, the ministry said there had been "a steady double-digit growth in loans for housing since May 2021" indicating that financial liabilities had been incurred to buy real assets.

'Double-digit growth'

"Vehicle loans have been growing at double digits since April 2022 and more than 20% since September 2022. The household sector is not in distress, clearly. They are buying vehicles and homes on mortgages," the ministry averred. "Overall household savings [current prices] – which includes financial, physical and jewellery – has grown at a CAGR of 9.2% between 2013-14 and 2021-22. Nominal GDP has grown at a CAGR of 9.65% during the same period," the ministry highlighted.

This showed that the ratio of household savings to nominal GDP had remained constant around 20% to 19% as of 2021-22.

Acquiring real assets

Finance Ministry attributes decline in savings rate to an increase in borrowings to buy real assets such as homes and vehicles

- RBI data shows net household financial savings slid to 5.1% of GDP in FY23, from 7.2%
- Households' financial liabilities rose to 5.8%, from 3.8% of GDP in FY22
- Ministry cites RBI data showing steady double-digit growth in housing loans since May 2021

Large firms get debt issuance flexibility

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Thursday approved providing flexibility in the framework for Large Corporates (LCs) for meeting their incremental financing needs from the debt market through issuance of debt securities.

A higher monetary threshold has been specified for defining LCs, thereby reducing the number of entities qualifying as LCs. The regulator's board has also approved the removal of a penalty on LCs which are not able to raise a certain percentage of incremental borrowing from the debt market.

With the view to facilitate ease of compliance and ease-of-doing business, SEBI also decided to retain the requirement that compliance with the framework will be met over a contiguous block of three years.

The requirement of filing a statement identifying itself as an LC, has also been dispensed with.

TRAI outlines broadcast policy

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Details of a National Broadcasting Policy emerged on Thursday as the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) consulted stakeholders on the shape such a policy should take.

"The Policy may provide a common approach for licenses, oversight, and compliances," TRAI said in its paper, indicating that the government is seeking to bring further parity in how digital and legacy mediums like television and OTT streaming are regulated.

The "broad contours" of the proposed policy include promoting content production in India that promotes Indian culture, expanding institutional capacity, promoting research, and adopting a "coherent and modernized approach" towards legacy mediums like print, radio and television, as well as digital media.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,230	-0.85
US Dollar	83.13	-0.02
Gold	60,170	-0.22
Brent oil	93.54	-0.74

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2479.25	8.95
Adani Ports	831.10	13.05
Apollo Hosp	5020.05	13.75
Asian Paints	3244.20	29.85
Axis Bank	1014.45	-12.85
Bajaj Auto	5085.20	-97.75
Bajaj Finserv	1526.20	-27.15
Bajaj Finance	7484.20	-54.80
Bharti Airtel	917.95	7.25
BPCL	355.25	2.70
Britannia Ind	4558.55	31.15
Cipla	1206.40	-33.30
Coal India	280.45	-3.85
Divis Lab	3746.80	-32.80
Dr Reddys Lab	5668.50	53.45
Eicher Motors	3435.85	-5.35
Grasim Ind	1911.50	-33.20
HCL Tech	1278.00	-15.40
HDFC Bank	1553.35	-10.35
HDFC Life	644.25	-3.95
Hero MotoCorp	3000.95	-60.90
Hindalco	479.55	1.25
Hind Unilever	2473.35	6.50
ICICI Bank	959.30	-27.85
IndusInd Bank	1411.30	-29.15
Infosys	1501.75	11.50
ITC	447.50	-5.45
JSW Steel	778.35	-8.40
Kotak Bank	1755.70	-33.75
L&T	2899.35	9.35
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5394.15	-79.30
M&M	1583.25	-50.75
Maruti Suzuki	10284.30	-62.45
NestleIndia	22533.50	-146.75
NTPC	238.95	-2.80
ONGC	186.70	-1.50
PowerGrid Corp	201.60	-3.05
Reliance Ind	2364.80	-17.35
SBI Life	1334.20	-11.00
State Bank	588.15	-12.95
Sun Pharma	1146.15	-7.00
TataConsumerProduct	871.00	1.30
Tata Motors	627.05	-11.45
Tata Steel	127.80	-0.50
TCS	3585.30	-20.75
Tech Mahindra	1291.65	17.30
Titan	3304.50	-2.15
UltraTech Cement	8313.55	-144.60
UPL	625.05	2.55
Wipro	428.95	-1.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 21

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.89	83.21
Euro	88.31	88.66
British Pound	101.97	102.37
Japanese Yen (100)	56.07	56.29
Chinese Yuan	11.35	11.39
Swiss Franc	91.52	91.88
Singapore Dollar	60.61	60.85
Canadian Dollar	61.38	61.62
Malaysian Ringitt	17.65	17.74
Australian Dollar	53.11	53.33

Source:Indian Bank

TVS Motor develops electric race motorbike

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company Ltd. (TVSM) has developed an electric race motorbike, the TVS Apache RTE (Racing Throttle Electric), that would take part in the electric two-wheeler race to be held at the Indian National Motorcycle Road Racing Championship next week.

On Thursday, TVSM also announced the launch of India's first-ever electric two-wheeler racing championship.

"Many of the technologies that we pioneered in our racing machines have made way to our production vehicles," noted the firm's MD Sudarshan Venu.

ICL to raise ₹70 cr. via land sale to UltraTech

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

N. Srinivasan

The India Cements Ltd. (ICL) said it had sold 73.75 acres in Andhra Pradesh for a consideration of ₹70 crore as part of a plan to improve liquidity and to meet a portion of its capital expenditure.

On Thursday, ICL entered into a pact with UltraTech Cement to sell the land exclusive of taxes, stamp duty and registration fees, the company said in a regulatory filing.

ICL vice-chairman & MD N. Srinivasan said the firm was hopeful of significantly improving the company's operating performance.

Addressing shareholders at the 77th AGM he said last year, despite good demand, ICL's performance was severely impacted due to a significant rise in input costs and other factors such as subdued price realisation. For FY24, ICL needed about ₹150 crore of working capital and ₹200 crore for capex. The company is expected to raise ₹100 crore in the next 15 days. "As of June, ICL has a debt of ₹2,940 crore," he had said earlier.

Nirma to buy 75% stake in Glenmark arm for ₹5,651 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Glenmark Pharma said it had entered into a definitive agreement with Nirma Ltd. to divest 75% stake in its subsidiary, Glenmark Life Sciences Ltd. (GLS), at a price of ₹615 per share for an aggregate consideration of ₹5,651.5 crore.

Glenmark Pharma will own 7.84% in GLS after the divestment. The transaction is subject to customary conditions precedent, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals said in a filing with stock exchanges.

As per SEBI norms, Nirma will make a mandatory open offer to all public shareholders of GLS.

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Advt. No. IMU-HQ/R/T/2023/02 Dated : 20.08.2023 — 22.09.2023
Recruitment for Faculty Positions (On Direct Recruitment Basis)
Extension of last date upto 19.10.2023 (5:00 PM)

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Discipline	No of Post	Category	Horizontal Reservation	Academic Pay Level
1.	Professor	Marine Engineering	1	SC-1, OBC-NCL-1, UR-3	Blindness & Low Vision Under PwBD*	Pay Matrix Level -14 (144200 – 218200)
		Logistics & Supply Chain Management/ Port & Shipping Management	1	UR - 1		
		Economics/ Finance and Accounting	1	OBC-NCL- 1		

*out of 7 posts one post is reserved for Blindness & Low Vision
For detailed eligibility criteria such as Age, Educational Qualifications, Experience, Mode/Method of Recruitment etc., please visit ww.imu.edu.in
Important date: Closing date for submission of online application extended upto: 19.10.2023 (05:00 PM)
REGISTRAR

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www.jaipur.rajasthan.gov.in
क्रमांक : उपापन/वो./2023-24/691 — दिनांक : 20/09/23
EOI/ई-बोली सूचना संख्या-24/2023-24
Bid for Selection of Agencies for Printing of JAN SAMMAN KIT (Estimated value 3.57 Crore) are invited from interested bidders upto 22-09-2023 till 01:00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and www.jaipur.rajasthan.gov.in departmental Website.
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES CIRCLE BARAN
क्रमांक: F- /SEWR/Circle/NIT-3/2023-24/1157 दिनांक: 12.09.2023
SHORT TERM E-NIT No.-03/2023-24
Bids for works "Restoration and Renovation work of Kushalipura anicut Tehsil Shahabad (Rs. 260.19 lac)" is invited from interested bidders (registered in appropriate class) from 13.09.2023 (9.30 AM) to 22.09.2023 till 18:00 Hr. Other particulars, terms & conditions may be seen on the procurement portal eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, sppp.rajasthan.nic.in, dipronline.rajasthan.gov.in and www.water.rajasthan.gov.in.
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अल्पकालीन ई-टेण्डरिंग निविदा सूचना संख्या: 12/2023-2024
NIB Code:-PWD2324A3004
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से डीएमएफटी एवं विलेज कनेक्टिविटी योजना के तहत **सड़क निर्माण कार्य** सड़क निर्माण कार्यो मय पांच वर्ष की मरम्मत एवं संधारण की अवधि के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजिकृत संवेदकों एवं राजस्थान सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग/ रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यो हेतु ई-टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 9 पैकेजों की जिनकी कुल लागत 1890.60 लाख है दिनांक **23.09.2023** तक प्राप्त की जावेंगी। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता हैं। कार्यवार यूबीएन नं. निम्नानुसार है।
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अधीक्षण अभियंता
सा.नि.वि. वृत भीलवाड़ा
DIPR/C/13983/2023

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता एवं परियोजना प्रबंधक वाटरशेड सेल कम डाटा सेन्टर जिला परिषद जालोर
क्रमांक : एफ ( )/निविदा/PMKSY-2.0/2023-24 / 1031 — दिनांक: 04/09/2023
NOTICE INVITING BID, NIT NO 22/ 2023-24
Bids for NRM Works (Tanka, POND,) Under PMKSY-2 project area in Block Chitalwana (01 Package) of estimated Value INR 296.24 Lacks are invited from interested bidders Up to 6.00 PM 29.09.2023, Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://Sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/) of the state.
NIB No. - WSC2324A0259
UBN No:- WSC2324WSRC00457
(Arun Kumar Ameta)
SE & PMWCDC, ZILA PARISHAD
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DIPR/C/13148/23

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Aparna Iyer named Wipro's CFO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Wipro Ltd. has appointed Aparna C. Iyer as Chief Financial Officer, with immediate effect, on Thursday.

Ms. Iyer succeeds Jatin Dalal who is stepping down to pursue other career opportunities.

She would report to CEO Thierry Delaporte and be part of the Wipro Executive Board, as per a company communique.

IPO frenzy helps firms raise almost ₹12,000 cr. in Sept.

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Analysts say investors with deep pockets and appetite for risk taking are driving the trend

A sharp jump in the number of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) in the past couple of months have analysts attributing reasons ranging from investors with deep pockets seeking quick gains, to an increase in grey market premiums, and a general risk taking trend.

Data from Prime Database Group (PDG) shows a stark contrast compared with last August and September, when only two IPOs in each of the months raised about ₹3,000 crore. But August 2023 witnessed 7 IPOs of almost ₹5,000 crore, and the 12 IPOs announced so far this month have been worth ₹11,582 crore.

Pranav Haldia of PDG ascribed it to the general trend of primary markets tracking the secondary markets, which have been bouyant lately.

'Fear of missing out'

"There is a feeling of being left out... Investors have lots of money and they are investing to make listing gains which are now shrinking," said Arun Kejriwal of Kejriwal Research & Investment Services. "The grey market premiums have fallen. It shows we are coming to the end of the good time," he added.

Ambareesh Baliga, an independent analyst said, "No one knows how long this bull run will last.. today no investor is looking at prospectus of the IPO-bound companies. People are investing based on grey market premium."

The capital market is also flooded with SME IPOs with as many as 27 of them scheduled this month.

"People are investing to make quick money and there is a lot of speculation," Mr. Baliga said. "Greed is leading to issues getting oversubscribed," he added.

FRESH CHALLENGE

Sable hopes to put behind Budapest disappointment

Commonwealth Games silver medallist 3000m steeplechase runner Avinash Sable hopes to get over the World Championships disappointment by doing well in the Asian Games. "This year I didn't run any race for national record but I hope to clock my best timing in Hangzhou. I hope to record my personal best and win".

TWO IN ONE

Antim wins World bronze, books ticket for Paris

Young wrestler Antim Panghal's superb campaign at the World Championships culminated with a bronze medal, a performance that earned India a 53kg-quota for the Paris Olympics. The bout ended with a technical-superiority win for Antim who became the first Indian wrestler to lock a quota for the Olympics.

DRAVIDSPEAK

'Virat and Rohit need to get into the first game in the right frame'

Rahul Dravid feels that Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma should get into the World Cup in the right frame of mind. "With people like Virat and Rohit, it's important that we get them to that first game of the World Cup, physically and mentally in the space that they want to be in. They need to get into that first game in the right frame of mind.

CAPTAIN'S BACKING

'Marnus was our best batter in South Africa and will get a chance'

Australia skipper Pat Cummins was all praise for Marnus Labuschagne. "Marnus is always ringing in my head, 24 hours... he was our best batter in South Africa. I am sure he will get a chance in three games and push for his spot... we want to strike a balance between getting used to the conditions and getting a few wins."

India enters last-four with better ranking

The Women in Blue pile on the runs against Malaysia in a 15-over game before unrelenting rain puts an end to the quarterfinal

CRICKET

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

Lucky break! Shafali, thanks to some poor ground-fielding, catching and ordinary bowling, got India off to a flier. PTI

Hangzhou locals had a small dose of why we let this sport take up so much of our time and everyday thinking. On an overcast Thursday, the Indian women piled on the runs against Malaysia in the cricket quarterfinal, but unrelenting rain robbed the game of a finish. India progressed to the semifinals by virtue of a higher seeding – a result that left many befuddled.

The official Asian Games account posted on X (formerly Twitter), "Team India won 173/2 - 1/0 against Team Malaysia", which only added to one's bemusement.

While India's participation did generate interest here at the picturesque Pingfeng Cricket Field Stadium, located inside the Zhejiang University campus, it wasn't the ideal endorsement to push for the sport's inclusion in the Olympic programme.

After a morning drizzle, Malaysia won the toss and put India in against the backdrop of a long mountain range running into the cloud cover. Thanks to some poor ground-fielding, catching and ordinary bowling, stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana (27) and Shafali Verma (67) got India off to a flyer.

The game was reduced to a 15-over affair at the restart.

Shafali brought up her fifty in 31 balls with a six down the ground and muscled another one over the mid-wicket boundary. Shafali put on 86 with Jemimah Rodrigues (47 n.o.) for the second wicket.

Richa Ghosh took on spinner Mas Elysa, smashing 19 runs in the final over.

Pooja Vastrakar could only get in two deliveries in Malaysia's chase before the rain returned to drive the players off the field.

The umpires called off the game at 12.15 p.m., with India earning a passage into the semifinal.

Pakistan's quarterfinal game against Indonesia was also abandoned.

The scores (quarterfinal):
India 173/2 in 15 overs (Smriti Mandhana 27, Shafali Verma 67, Jemimah Rodrigues 47 n.o.) vs Malaysia 1/0 in 0.2 overs.
No Result. India advanced due to higher seeding.

Chhetri's late penalty conversion keeps India's hopes alive

Stepping up: With the contest in the balance, Chhetri swung it India's way. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

It wasn't 'entertaining' viewing as the Indian men's head coach Igor Stimac would later say after his team narrowly beat Bangladesh 1-0 in the Asian Games at the Xiaoshan Sports Centre Stadium here on Thursday. But a win will do for India after its 1-5 loss to China in the opening Group A game two days ago.

After the missed opportunities, it seemed like India would be left to rue its missed chancess – a staggering four of them in the space of 10 seconds – but skipper Sunil Chhetri stepped up when Bangladesh gifted a chance from the penalty spot. And the veteran doesn't usually miss twice.

In the 85th minute, Bangladesh skipper Rahmat Mia brought down Miranda inside the box with a clumsy tackle and the referee showed the spot. Chhetri took his time and slotted it away from the reach of Marma to put India ahead.

Stimac didn't want to play the 39-year-old Chhetri, who hasn't had a full pre-season and is returning from a paternal leave, for 85 minutes against China and 94 minutes against Bangladesh but circumstances left him with no choice.

"I wouldn't take him out. Simple as that. He is important for us. And for these young boys as the skipper and the leader to communicate to them what needs to be done on the pitch. The penalty came and he was there to take charge," said Stimac.

The result: India 1 (Chhetri 85-pen) bt Bangladesh 0.

PTI adds from Wenzhou:
The Indian women lost to Chinese Taipei 1-2 despite going ahead through Anju Tamang in the 47th minute.

Li-Chin Lai (68) and Hsuan Su (84) scored for Taipei.

Belief is the only thing that matters, says Bopanna

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

His legacy: Bopanna wants to be known as someone who persisted and constantly found ways to improve. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

At 43, there is little Rohan Bopanna hasn't seen in a career spanning more than two decades and even less that he regrets or aspires to.

His longevity as much a result of his stubbornness to push the limits as the dearth of challengers within the country, the 'elder statesman' of Indian tennis continues to be the star of the squad.

At the Delhi airport late on Wednesday night, while leaving for what will certainly be his last Asian Games, the excitement among people rose only when Bopanna appeared even though others were already going through the formalities.

He posed gamely for photographs and jibed with the youngsters, relishing his role as the leader of the pack. But all he wishes is for them to be aspirational.

"To inspire the next generation to be able to push all limits, no matter what juncture of your career you are at – it doesn't matter whether you are just starting your journey, in the middle or the fag end of it.

"I feel a sporting career is so short, if you can push all limits and still enjoy it, to be known as someone who persisted and constantly found ways to improve as an athlete, that would be my legacy," Bopanna told The *Hindu* in an exclusive interaction soon after arrival here.

That's easier said than done – it takes someone special to have the belief and ability to push himself for so long in a punishing sport and still remain at the top of his profession. That belief, Bopanna admits, is the only thing that matters for success.

"My nature as an athlete was such I always wanted to find ways to bring in that 100%. Maybe not everything was accessible back when we started, but now, even though we have it all, faith and belief is all that matters.

"In 2021, at the age of 41, I went five months without winning a match. That's when you start fighting your inner battles – there's always someone trying to say what or how you should do things but the athlete is the only one who is putting in the effort and time. You may have the best coach or mental trainer or physio – if you don't have belief in yourself, none of it matters," he said.

As an outspoken advocate of rewarding merit without caveats, Bopanna continues to be vocal about how the Indian system needs to be more objective about assessing merit.

"The fact is, in India, how you term any achievement kind of decides its value. I was the US Open runner-up. That might barely make a difference for someone who doesn't know anything about tennis. But if you say I was the silver medallist, it relates very differently even though it means the exact same thing.

"Which is why yes, I absolutely feel there should be a clear criteria of achievement in each sport."

Communication clog puts visitors' survival to severe test

All set: Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center Stadium, the opening ceremony venue for the 19th Asian Games. REUTERS

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Dark, damp and drizzling, Hangzhou's date with the Asian Games has been less than ideal. While Thursday saw the cricket matches abandoned with relentless rain, Friday and Saturday are forecast to witness heavier rain with the organisers struggling to get things moving. Athletes, officials and media from several countries including Iran, India and Kazakhstan were caught in the downpour along with their belongings.

Communication remains the biggest barrier to finding one's way around Hangzhou. While the volunteers struggled to understand and explain even the basic queries on directions and facilities, the one omnipresent feature has been the language translator machines and apps that everyone seems to be carrying around. Still, it has been an uphill task to find information, leaving every non-Chinese visitor resorting to individual ingenuity to survive.

A golden opportunity for both India and Australia to try out their combinations before the World Cup

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MOHALI

Key batters: Gill, who is in the pink of form, and the seasoned pro Stoinis will be keen to play a stellar role. PTI & AFP

The Ashes, it isn't. The intensely grudge face-off between two passionate, neighbouring nations it isn't, either.

But when India takes on Australia on a cricket field, strange things could happen. A Greg Matthews could bowl a ball that would produce a tied Test, only the second in history.

A Washington Sundar, on debut, could hook Pat Cummins for a six that would change the course of the most audacious chase you could imagine. A Sachin Tendulkar could conjure up two back-to-back masterly hundreds that would storm the deserts.

Australia and India often bring the best out of each other. The match between them on October 8 at Chennai is among the most eagerly awaited ones at the World Cup. But before that, there is a teaser.

The three-match ODI series between these two formidable rivals begins here on Friday. It kicks off at the PCA Stadium and then will travel to Indore and Rajkot.

Dress rehearsal

Neither side could have hoped for a better dress rehearsal for the tournament that still matters a great deal.

Both India and Australia would be keen to use these matches to finalise their best eleven or to explore some new ideas before the big moment arrives. It is also an opportunity for some men on either side – those they aren't named in the World Cup squads – to make a statement or two.

India-Australia H2H in ODIs

	M	India	Australia	NR
Overall	146	54	82	10
In India	67	30	32	5

THE SCHEDULE

First ODI: **Sept. 22, Mohali**
Second ODI: **Sept. 24, Indore**
Third ODI: **Sept. 27, Rajkot**
All matches start at 1.30 p.m.

India may want to take a close look at its best possible middle-order – the spotlight could be on Shreyas Iyer – but the team management should be pleased with the current form. Its triumph at the Asia Cup in Colombo was as authoritative as a team could hope for.

It was a fine team effort – from Shubman Gill at the top of the order to the bowling, be it the seam of Mohammed Siraj or the spin of Kuldeep Yadav. It would be interesting to see how R. Ashwin fares on his return to ODI cricket, since January last year.

Some Australians too should be determined to show what they could. Like Marnus Labuschagne. He was brilliant in the recent ODI series in South Africa, after coming on as a concussion substitute.

The return of captain Pat Cummins, as well as Steve Smith, is good news for Australia. The Aussies should also be keen to put behind them their 2-3 defeat in the South African series, after going 2-0 up.

The teams (from):
India: K.L. Rahul (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Prasidh Krishna and Washington Sundar.
Australia: Pat Cummins (Capt.), David Warner, Mitchell Marsh, Steven Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Josh Inglis, Alex Carey, Marcus Stoinis, Cameron Green, Matthew Short, Adam Zampa, Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Ellis, Sean Abbott, Tanveer Sangha and Spencer Johnson.

INBRIEF

S. Africa's Nortje and Magala ruled out of World Cup

South Africa was dealt twin blows weeks ahead of the ODI World Cup after injured pacers Anrich Nortje, *in pic*, and Sisanda Magala were ruled out of the tournament in India, head coach Rob Walter confirmed on Thursday. Bowling all-rounder Andile Phehlukwayo and seamer Lizaad Williams have replaced the duo in the World Cup-bound squad.

Karun scores 150 for Northamptonshire

Karun Nair served a reminder of his prowess, scoring 150 for Northamptonshire against table-topper Surrey in a County Championship Division 1 contest, here at the Oval. Unbeaten on 144 overnight, Karun got out as the last batter for the addition of six runs on Thursday. Northamptonshire was bowled out for 357 after resuming on 351 for nine. Surrey was in dire straits at 91 for six when rain stopped play. The 31-year-old Karun had made 78 against Warwickshire at Birmingham during his debut for Northamptonshire last week.

FC Deccan gets past Bangalore Dream United

FC Deccan scored three late goals to defeat Bangalore Dream United FC 3-2 in the BDFA Super Division men's football league in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The results: FC Deccan 3 (Rahil Sardar 90+2, B.U. Mithun 90+4, Rakesh Singh 90+6) bt Bangalore Dream United FC 2 (Raju Basfore 49, Naorem Nanano 80).
MFAR Students Union FC 4 (Pratik Swami 15, 42, Mrinal Muthanna 38, Sunil Pavanoji 90+1) bt Agniputhra FC 2 (Dawalin Sherpa 4, Lalnunzama 11).

Misaka United bounces back to hold Rebel Women's FC

Rebel Women's FC was held to a 1-1 draw by Misaka United in the KSFA Karnataka women's football league in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The results: Misaka United FC 1 (Ruksar Ban 27) drew with Rebel Women's FC (Lamnganbi Chanu 14); Kickstart FC 0 drew with Parikrma 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 a.m. onwards.

India vs Australia: 1st ODI, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday).

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday).

Laver Cup: Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday).

Riders give thumbs up to the Buddh International Circuit

Tech3's Espargaro throws his support behind the track, but says, "about safety, there are things that can be improved, but in most tracks in the world, there are places we would like to improve"

MOTOGP

S. Dipak Ragav
GREATER NOIDA

Ahead of the inaugural MotoGP race in India, there were apprehensions among the riders regarding the track's safety, with the main concern being the walls were a bit too close for comfort for them at some corners.

However, on Thursday, the riders who walked the track felt that they were probably too harsh and felt that things were fine.

Spanish rider Pol Espargaro (GasGas Factory Racing Tech3) threw his full support behind the track, saying, "I walked two times yesterday, and I ran once this morning. We were a bit too hard before coming here and seeing what it was. I think it is much better than we all expected."

"About safety, there are some things that can be improved. But in most tracks in the world, there are places where we would like to improve. Here, for sure, we need to figure it out, especially racing and crashing, but there is nothing critical."

Smash hit: Reigning champion Bagnaia trying his hand at batting as the other riders watch on ahead of the Indian GP. R.V. MOORTHY

The Tech3 rider also praised the layout, saying, "It can be one of the most fun events of the year. The corners are pretty different going up and down; there is a lot of banking in some corners. It's something different from what we are used to."

Reigning champion Francesco Bagnaia, while being more guarded, said he was largely comfortable.

"I had the chance to do two walking laps. I think the layout is interesting and different to other tracks. It could be great. It will be interesting to ride tomorrow, considering that in some parts of the track, the run-off areas look a bit short. But speaking with the Safety Commission, they tried to explain everything and have reasons to say it is okay. I think we should be okay."

Alex Marquez (Gresini Racing MotoGP) also felt that the track looks safe even if it is on the limit at some places.

"It is a very nice layout with more up and down than expected. Some walls are a bit close but better than what we expected. Turn 4 is a little bit critical. There is a 70 or 80-metre run-off after the straight, but the wall is going at an angle, and we never go wide in that direction. It might be tricky, but it is fine. It is on the limit, but with an air fence, it is fine," said Alex.

Alex's brother and six-time champion Marc Marquez added, "Yeah, the layout is nice. If the grip is good on the MotoGP bike, it will be even nicer. In dry conditions, (it's) no problem to ride, but in the wet, we need to understand."

What's in store! Bagnaia, third from left, addresses the media on Thursday, ahead of the Indian GP. R.V. MOORTHY

Leading lights trace their Mahindra link

S. Dipak Ragav
GREATER NOIDA

Coming into the Indian GP, Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team), Jorge Martin (Prima Primac Racing), Marco Bezzecchi (Mooney VR46 Racing Team) and Brad Binder (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing) are the ones to watch out for as they are the top-four riders in the 2023 MotoGP championship standings.

Incidentally, all four riders have an Indian connection, having been part of Mahindra Racing in the junior category where they even got their first podiums in World championships at the Moto3 level.

"If you consider most riders who move from Mahindra have done incredible things in MotoGP, be it winning the championship or finishing runner-up," said reigning champion Bagnaia on his association with the Indian company.

"It was a great school because the level of the bike was great. I am very proud to have been part of the Mahindra family. I always say it was the best Moto3 team I had," added the Italian.

Martin, a teammate of Bagnaia in Mahindra, added, "Though the engine was a bit low on power, it meant you had to do much more than the rest to be at the same level. So when you arrive at a high level, you are more competitive."

Bezzecchi said, "Without them and the academy (VR46 Academy run by seven-time champion Valentino Rossi), it was probably difficult for me to enter the world championship. It was fantastic to be part of the Mahindra family. I learnt a lot to be more precise and consistent and took the last podium for the team."

SNAPSHOTS

India draws Pakistan again in Davis Cup, PTF says it won't shift to neutral venue

NEW DELHI: India has been drawn to play Pakistan in the World Group I Play-offs and the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) on Thursday made it clear that it won't agree to shift its home tie to a neutral venue this time.

India had drawn Pakistan in 2019 also but due to "security concerns" the Asia/Oceania Group I tie was shifted to Kazakhstan, a neutral venue. India won the tie 4-0.

PTF president Salim Saifullah Khan said they will host India on grass court.

If India decides to travel, it will be the Davis Cup team's first visit across the border in 59 years, and only third in the history of the team tournament.

The last time an Indian Davis Cup team travelled to Pakistan was in 1964 when the visitors beat the hosts 4-0.

Bangladesh hires Sriram as technical consultant for WC

DHAKA: Former India all-rounder Sridharan Sriram will join the Bangladesh team as a technical consultant for the World Cup in India, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) said on Thursday. Last year he had similar roles with Bangladesh at the T20-format Asia Cup in the UAE and the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia.

Hyderabad Saturday's races cancelled

HYDERABAD: The Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club have resolved to cancel the races scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 23, due to paucity of runners.

ISL-10: Kerala Blasters begins with a bang, brushes away bitter memories

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

It all went horribly wrong for Bengaluru FC in the Indian Super League opener against Kerala Blasters here on Thursday. Two goals, which came when the visitor appeared a bit distracted, saw the Blasters pull off a 2-1 victory and erase the bitter memories of the ISL walkout against the same side last season.

The ISL season-10's opening goal was an own goal by Bengaluru's Keziah Veendorp and it came minutes after the break while Adrian Luna, who had a hand in the team's opening goal, scored with a smart move in the 69th minute to double the lead as the packed stadium erupted in joy.

The game was played under a steady drizzle and after a dull opening half, it came alive in the second session. Shortly after the break, Blasters' forward Kwame Peprah's shot from outside the box was palmed over by Gurpreet Singh. And the Blasters took the lead with the following corner. Bengaluru's Dutch midfielder Veendorf tried to awkwardly shake off a Luna cross but only managed to put it in after a goalmouth melee in the 52nd minute.

Midfield battle: Blasters' Sakai and Bengaluru's Carneiro tussle for possession. H. VIBHU

Luna's goal came after a wily move shortly after the Bengaluru goalkeeper Gurpreet Sandhu kicked away an effort from Peprah. A Bengaluru player sent a back pass to the goalkeeper and Luna, sensing an opportunity there, charged in, dribbled the ball away from the goalkeeper's legs and neatly sent it in.

Gurpreet appeared desperate, he shook his hands almost telling his teammate that he couldn't hear anything in the din.

Bengaluru's consolation goal, from substitute Curtis Main, came towards the end of the match and the team came up with a few attempts after that but the Blasters defence and goalkeeper Sachin Suresh stayed steady.

The result: Kerala Blasters (Keziah Veendorp 52-OG, Adrian Luna 69) bt Bengaluru FC 1 (Curtis Main 89).

India blanks Bangladesh in the SAFF u-19 c'ship

FOOTBALL

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

Gwgwmsar Goyary, Naoba Meitei Pangambam and Arjun Singh Oinam were on target as India blanked Bangladesh 3-0 in the SAFF under-19 football championship here on Thursday.

Placed in Group B, India will next play Bhutan on September 25 as it looks to qualify for the knockout stage.

Group A consists of host Nepal, Maldives and Pakistan. The top two from each group will progress to the semifinals.

Stepping onto the international stage after more than two years, the Blue Colts roared into action within 34 seconds.

Bayern beats back a spirited Man United

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Harry Kane was among the scorers as Bayern Munich beat Manchester United 4-3 in their heavyweight Champions League clash on Wednesday, while Jude Bellingham snatched a dramatic late winner for Real Madrid and Arsenal began its campaign with a big victory.

Leroy Sane gave Bayern the lead at the Allianz Arena with a shot that squirmed through the grasp of United goalkeeper Andre Onana, and Jamal Musiala set up Serge Gnabry to make it 2-0 just after the half-hour mark.

Rasmus Hojlund pulled one back early in the second half with his first United goal, but shortly after Christian Eriksen was penalised for a handball in the box and Kane blasted in the resulting penalty.

A crazy finish saw Casemiro reduce the deficit again, substitute Mathys Tel score Bayern's fourth, and Casemiro nod in another to make it 4-3.

The results: Group A: Galatasaray 2 (Boey 86, Tete 88) drew with Copenhagen 2 (Elyounoussi 35, Goncalves 58); Bayern Munich 4 (Sane 28, Gnabry 32, Kane 53-pen, Tel 90+2) bt Manchester United (ENG) 3 (Hojlund 49, Casemiro 88, 90+5).
Group B: Sevilla (ESP) 1 (Ocampos 9) drew with Lens 1 (Fulgini 24); Arsenal 4 (Saka 8, Trossard 20, Jesus 38, Odegaard 70) bt PSV Eindhoven 0.
Group C: Real Madrid 1 (Bellingham 90+4) bt Union Berlin 0; Braga 1 (Bruma 84) lost to Napoli 2 (Di Lorenzo 45+1, Niakate 88-og).
Group D: Real Sociedad 1 (Mendez 4) drew with Inter Milan 1 (Martinez 87); Benfica 0 lost to Salzburg 2 (Simic 15-pen, Gloukh 51).

Auspicious Queen appeals most

MYSURU: Auspicious Queen, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Karnataka Race Horse Owners' Association Mysore 1000 Guineas (1,600m), the first classic of the season to be held here on Friday (Sept 22). There will be no false rails.

1 SIDAPUR PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Emeraldo (1) Inayat 62.5, 2. Maybach (2) Tousif 62.5, 3. Star Azeem (6) Shezad Khan 61.5, 4. Akasi (11) Rayan 60, 5. Ruby Woo (5) J. Chinoy 59.5, 6. City Of Hustle (13) K. Rajesh 59, 7. Ironic Humour (15) R. Shiva K 58.5, 8. Swiss Tigress (3) Prabhu K 58.5, 9. Infinite Spirit (14) Vinod Shinde 58, 10. Apollo Light (12) S. Hussain 57.5, 11. California Gold (9) Salman Khan 57, 12. Armament (7) Gautan Raj 55.5, 13. Peter Rabbit (8) Abhishek Mhatre 55, 14. Twin Flame (10) M. Rajesh K 55 and 15. I Can (4) Kiran Rai 54.5.
1. EMERALDO, 2. STAR AZEEM, 3. AKASI

2 PSYCHIC STRENGTH PLATE (DIV. II), (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2-00: 1. Pastiche (4) Darshan 60, 2. Percivale (2) Jagadeesh 60, 3. Antilope (7) B. Dharshan 59.5, 4. Dalhousie (8) T. Pavan 58, 5. Eco Friendly (9) P. Sai K 56, 6. Konichiwa (10) Brijesh K 55.5, 7. Benghazi (1) Angad 55, 8. Sekhmet (3) Arvind K 55, 9. Je Ne Sais Quoi (6) Arshad 54 and 10. Deemed To Fire (5) Kiran Rai 52.5.
1. ECO FRIENDLY, 2. ANTILOPE, 3. SEKHMET

3 PANCHGANI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Milos (5) Md. Mushraf 60, 2. Mystic Divine (10) Inayat 58.5, 3. Sunshine Coast (3) Srinath 58.5, 4. Ochre (2) Abhishek Mhatre 57.5, 5. Dream Machine (9) Afsar Khan 56.5, 6. Nishk (7) M. Rajesh K 56, 7. Step Up Girl (12) M. Shahid 55.5, 8. D Romance (6) Kiran Rai 54.5, 9. Flying Falcon (1) Md. Sameer 54.5 10. Shooting Venus (8) Arshad 54.5, 11. Super Sexy (4) P. Sai K 54.5 and 12. Vardaan (11) Vinod Shinde 54.5.
1. SUNSHINE COAST, 2. OCHRE, 3. SUPER SEXY

4 DR.M.A.M. RAMASWAMY TROPHY (1,600m), rated 60 & above, 3-00: 1. His Eminence (5) S. John 64, 2. Gold Kite (1) B. Dharshan 58, 3. Wellington (3) R. Shiva K 57.5, 4. Win My Luv (2) G. Vivek 55, 5. Jewel Thief (6) M. Rajesh K 53 and 6. Ibrahimovic (4) Kiran Rai 51.5.
1. WIN MY LUV, 2. IBRAHIMOVIC

5 ORIGINAL VEL RACING TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Gold Crest (4) Tousif 60, 2. Weronika (8) Ram Nandan 58.5, 3. Kingofthejungle (10) Angad 58, 4. Sheeba (5) Srinath 57, 5. Jabbar (2) Madhu Sudhan 54.5, 6. D Lord (9) Jagadeesh 53.5, 7. Infiniteposibility (7) Prabhu K 53.5, 8. Seoul (11) P. Sai K 53, 9. Swaghatham (3) Koshi K 53, 10. Tom Cruiser (1) Arshad 53 and 11. Algoze (6) S. Shareef 51.
1. SHEEBA, 2. SEOUL, 3. KINGOFTHEJUNGLE

6 KARNATAKA RACE HORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION MYSORE 1000 GUINEAS (1,600m), 3-y-o fillies, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Aralina (7) Antony 56, 2. Auspicious Queen (6) Suraj 56, 3. Fast Pace (8) G. Vivek 56, 4. Golden Peaks (3) P.S. Chouhan 56, 5. Irish Rockstar (2) S. Saqlain 56, 6. Momentous (4) Srinath 56, 7. Neziah (9) Trevor 56, 8. Regal Aristocracy (5) Neeraj 56 and 9. Tehani (1) Akshay K 56.
1. AUSPICIOUS QUEEN, 2. TEHANI, 3. GOLDEN PEAKS

7 PANCHGANI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Ankush (10) Angad 61.5, 2. Miraculous Girl (3) Gautam Raj 61, 3. Aquila D'oro (7) Koshi K 60.5, 4. March To Victory (5) Ram Nandan 60.5, 5. Doc Martin (4) B. Dharshan 60, 6. Natural One (11) G. Vivek 59.5, 7. Country's Light (12) Afsar Khan 58.5, 8. Everly (1) Kiran Rai 58.5, 9. Meadow Flower (8) Inayat 58, 10. Red Hills (9) J. Chinoy 56.5, 11. Day Of Combat (6) Arshad 55.5 and 12. Dhurandar (2) Vinod Shinde 55.
1. DOC MARTIN, 2. MARCH TO VICTORY, 3. AQUILA D' ORO

8 PSYCHIC STRENGTH PLATE (DIV. I), (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Queen Regnant (4) Darshan 62, 2. Southern Power (9) S. John 62, 3. Katana (5) Srinath 61, 4. Icelandic (2) Antony 60.5, 5. Peluche (3) Arvind K 60.5, 6. Striking Memory (10) G. Vivek 60.5, 7. Sea Blush (1) Inayat 59, 8. Coorg General (8) T. Pavan 58, 9. Mystical Merkabah (11) Kiran Rai 58, 10. My Vision (7) Rayan 57.5 and 11. Vijaya Sarathi (6) Angad 54.5.
1. STRIKING MEMORY, 2. KATANA, 3. ICELANDIC

Day's best: **AUSPICIOUS QUEEN**
Double: **SUNSHINE COAST - WIN MY LUV**
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Contributor triumphs

MYSURU: Mr. Kersi H Vachha's Contributor (G. Vivek up), won the B.A.Nanaiah Memorial Trophy, the main event of the races held here on Thursday (Sept 21). The winner is trained by M. Bobby.

THE RESULTS:

1. ECLIPSE PLATE (DIV. II): ECO SYSTEM (A. Ramu) 1, Romantic Heart (M. Rajesh K) 2, Mystical Merlin (A.K. Aniket) 3 and Raptor (Shreyas S) 4. 1/2, Lnk and 1. 1m, 13.37s. ₹95 (w), 24, 16 and 17 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 55, FP: 850, Q: 408, Trinella: 8,017, Exacta: 23,030 (carried over). Favourite: Mystical Merlin. Owner: Mr. Girish Byrappa. Trainer: Santosh Rao.

2. ECLIPSE PLATE (DIV. I): MERAKI (S. John) 1, Sparkling Night (Inayat) 2, Sultan Sword (N.B. Kuldeep) 3 and Gabriella (M. Rajesh K) 4. 7-1/4, 1-3/4 and Lnk. 1m, 12.43s. ₹20 (w), 13, 15 and 55 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 434, FP: 39, Q: 30, Trinella: 1,994, Exacta: 22,173 (carried over). Favourite: Meraki. Owner: Mrs. Arasi Sharma. Trainer: Rakesh.

3. H.H. SRI CHAMARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY: ART GALLERY (Inayat) 1, Crosswater (Antony) 2, King Of Kesari (Shreyas S) 3 and Star Concept (Vinod Shinde) 4. 2-1/4, 3 and 1/2. 1m, 11.15s. ₹55 (w), 15, 15 and 25 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 71, FP: 132, Q: 33, Trinella: 962, Exacta: 11,432. Favourite: Crosswater. Owner: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: S. Dominic.

4. M.B. APPAYA MEMORIAL TROPHY: TAREK (G. Vivek) 1, Twilight Tornado (Antony) 2, Armstrong (Srinath) 3 and What Is This (M. Rajesh K) 4. Nose, Nose and 7-3/4. 1m, 37.77s. ₹58 (w), 16, 11 and 10 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 61, FP: 707, Q: 226, Trinella: 621, Exacta: 11,699. Favourite: Amrstrong. Owner: Mrs. Shirley M Bobby. Trainer: M. Bobby.

5. B.A. NANAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY: CONTRIBUTOR (G. Vivek) 1, Wild Spell (Koshi K) 2, Perfect Justice (Kiran Rai) 3 and Tracer Bullet (Inayat) 4. Lnk, 1-1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 10.17s. ₹112 (w), 20, 27 and 16 (p), SHP: 131, THP: 77, FP: 4,401, Q: 2,307, Trinella: 15,229, Exacta: 26,115 (carried over). Favourite: Indian Patriot. Owner: Mr. Kersi H Vachha. Trainer: M. Bobby.

6. KASARGOD PLATE: PHARAZON (L.A. Rozario) 1, Saigon (Neeraj) 2, My Life My Rules (Hasib Alam) 3 and Armory (Kiran Rai) 4. Not run: Aircraft and The Golden Dream. 3-3/4, 5-1/4 and 1. 1m, 51.24s. ₹25 (w), 11, 16 and 66 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 159, FP: 125, Q: 20, Trinella: 2,207, Exacta: 17,107 (carried over). Favourite: Norwegian Wood. Owners: Mr. M.V. Balaji, Mr. Mohd. Javeed Ghatala & Mr. J. Ramesh. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

7. FAIR WOOD PLATE: TOP DANCER (Shreyas S) 1, Golden Time (G. Vivek) 2, Acaster (Srinath) 3 and Dragon's Gold (S. Saqlain) 4. Not run: Extraordinary. 1-1/4, 6-3/4 and 1. 1m, 22.91s. ₹37 (w), 18, 10 and 15 (p), SHP: 29, THP: 44, FP: 144, Q: 40, Trinella: 248, Exacta: 318. Favourite: Golden Time. Owner: Dr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

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